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United States Department of Justice

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

February 26, 1942.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Form 4-774

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT

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DATE 5/11/01 BY 3903elw/bc/jdb

Dear Sir:

The following information concerns the above-mentioned individual who works at the Pittsburgh Division of the U. S. Employment Service, formerly the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation and Employment Division of the State Department of Labor and Industry. This service is alleged to be filled with Communists, who exert a tremendous influence over the policies and the personnel of the same. The informant is not paid, and no permanent symbol is being assigned to him at this time.

CVETIC lives in the country on the other side of Etna, Pa. with an address of R. D., Etna, Pa. He works in the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation and Employment Bureau, 526 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. He has been giving information concerning the activities of alleged Communists in this State Bureau along lines of passing applicants for defense jobs through the service in an illegal manner for the purpose of getting friends into good jobs. He is very friendly with this alleged Communist element. (It is noted that one of those he alleges is a Communist is SID HOROWITZ, a very active member of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh).

CVETIC advised that he was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. on 3/4/09; that his father, FRANK CVETIC, and his mother were both born in Austria, and that his father became naturalized in Pittsburgh, Pa. He said that his father is retired; that he formerly ran the Eagle Hotel in Glenshaw on Route #8, and that he still owns this property, but leases it. He advised further that his brother, FRANK, Jr., has a grocery store in Lawrenceville; that he has one brother in the Navy, (a chief petty officer); that he has one brother working for Heppenstall Co.; that he has one brother operating a garage in Glenshaw, and one working in a grocery store in Etna, Pa. He said that he has a sister in the Divine Providence convent, one sister married in Beaver, Pa., one sister married and living on Stanton Street in Lawrenceville, and another sister a nurse in St. Johns' Hospital.

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To: Director
Date: February 26, 1942
From: Pittsburgh Office

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT

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He advised that he married MARIE BARSH, who was born in Etna, Pa. on 8/15/12, and that he has two children, RICHARD, age 10, and MATTHEW, age 10.

He advised further that his previous employment consisted of 1½ years on a WPA crime survey at Western Penitentiary; that he was in business operating a service station on the Butler Highway, and later at 8900 Frankstown Road; that he worked for his father in a service station for three years, and that he worked for one year with General Motors in East Liberty. He also worked one year for Etna Furniture Co., and 3½ years for I. W. Scott Co., Pgh., Pa., jobbers for farm supplies.

He stated he had three years at St. Vincent's Prep School, and two years at Curry Business College, Pittsburgh, Pa. He stated further that he is a Catholic--attending All Saints Church in Etna, Pa.

He said that he had been arrested once on a charge of assault and battery for hitting his sister-in-law, but the charge was nolle prossed when he paid \$314.00 he owed the sister-in-law.

CVETIC advised that he can speak seven languages, consisting of Slovenian, Croatian, Serbian, Lithuanian, Russian, Slovak and Polish. He said that he is a Slovenian by birth. He advised that he has constant use of these languages, since he handles all foreign cases that come to the Bureau of Unemployment.

CVETIC is very close to alleged Communists in the Unemployment service, and has even been invited to join the Communist Party by persons who work in this service. He advises that on being invited again, he will join the unit, for the purpose of furnishing information to this office.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Thornton
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Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

February 16, 1943

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RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT

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Dear Sir:

CONF. INFT.

Reference is made to the letter from the Pittsburgh office dated February 26, 1942 which related extensive background and statistical information regarding the above mentioned informant.

Please be advised that this informant on February 12, 1943 was invited to join the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, and that he was inducted personally by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN of New York, who was in Pittsburgh on that night as the guest speaker at a Lenin Memorial meeting. The informant had been urged to join the Communist Party by leaders of the Party in Pittsburgh, including the head of the Party in Western Pennsylvania, HENRY FORBES, and the McKeesport, Pa. Section Organizer, JEROME BENTON. He has thus joined the Party under favorable auspices, and should be in a position shortly to obtain valuable information regarding the activities of the same, and especially regarding the activities of the White Collar Branch of the same, about which little has been able to be learned. This informant has been in a position where he comes into almost daily contact with members of the Communist Party, and he has curried their favor for the past year and a half for the purpose of inducing them to invite him to join the Communist Party. He has also done certain things, such as vote for the known Communist candidate in the union election of the State County and Municipal Workers, and aid certain known Communists in obtaining jobs, so that he would be observed to be at least a sympathizer of the Party. The invitation to become a member finally came, and the informant has joined for the express and only purpose of furnishing this office with information. It is estimated that the informant has spent approximately two hundred dollars in associating with those he knew to be members of the Communist Party, and has asked no remuneration whatever for this. This expense was incurred for the express purpose of getting invited to join the Party. 100-372409-2

Since now, however, he is in a position to furnish valuable information which cannot be obtained in any other way, and since his expenses for dues and purchases of literature will be greater, it is requested that this office be authorized to pay this informant in the sum of \$15.00 a week.



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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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February 22, 1943

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SAC, Pittsburgh

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DATE 5/11/01 BY SP6 BCD/blc/llb

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SAC, P. Bond
FEB 27 1943

Re: MATTHEW CVTTIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL
DEFENSE INFORMANT

b7D

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 16, 1943, in which you request authority to pay the above-named informant at the rate of \$15.00 per week.

In view of your personal recommendation, the requested authority is hereby granted to compensate this informant at the rate of \$15.00 per week for a trial period of three months, effective February 16, 1943. In accordance with instructions set out in Section 13 of the National Defense Manual, you should communicate with the Bureau at least two weeks prior to the termination of the authorized period and advise as to your recommendation regarding the continuance of the payments to this informant. You should make certain that your letter contains a brief summary of the information that he has provided your office during the authorized period.

You will be expected to closely supervise the activities of this informant in order to insure that full value will be received for all expenditures and to guard against the possibility of any information pertaining to the Bureau's activities coming into his possession.

It should be definitely pointed out to Cvetic that regardless of the fact that he may be providing your office with information, he should not at any time indicate in any way that he has any connection with the FBI.

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Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Mumford _____
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Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Gandy _____

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Cvetic should be made to understand that his efforts to obtain information for your office regarding such activities must be undertaken

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SAC, Pittsburgh

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upon his own responsibility; however, it may be pointed out to him that he may expect increases in the compensation being afforded him in accordance with the value of the information he is able to provide. .

If at any time in the future it is felt that the information being provided your office by this informant is not commensurate with the payments being made to him, such payments should be immediately discontinued or appropriately adjusted and the Bureau promptly advised.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Mr. Gunsser

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Coffey _____
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CAC, Pittsburgh

EX-5

RE: MATTHEW GYSEIC
Confidential National Defense
Informant

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 8, 1943, requesting authority to continue to compensate the above named individual at the rate of \$15 per week.

Based upon your personal recommendation the requested authority is granted to continue to compensate him at the stated rate for a period of three months effective May 18, 1943.

You should continue to carefully evaluate the information furnished by this individual to insure that the Bureau is receiving an adequate return for the money expended. If at any time it appears the information furnished by him is not commensurate with the amount authorized to be given him, the same should be immediately discontinued or appropriately adjusted and the Bureau promptly advised.

Two weeks prior to the expiration of this authorized period you are instructed to again communicate with the Bureau and make a recommendation regarding the continued use of this informant and the amount of compensation to be given him. You should be sure that this letter contains a brief summary of the information submitted to your office by this informant during the past period of authorization and upon which you base your recommendation relative to the continuance of his compensation.

Mr. Tolson

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Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson

Mr. Harbo

Mr. Hendon

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Mr. Mumford

Mr. Piper

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Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc: Mr. Gunnser (sent direct)

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DATE 5/11/01 BY 20424/uc/ab

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

5 MAY 26 1943

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
May 8, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC,
Confidential National Defense
Informant b7D

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Kramer	
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of February 22, 1943, authorizing payment to the above mentioned informant at the rate of \$15 per week.

Please be advised that since the referenced letter the informant has made very advantageous strides in the Communist Party, has become an active member of the Thomas Paine Branch of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh, which branch is the intellectual branch, and is now furnishing valuable information to the Pittsburgh Office regarding weekly meetings of this branch. His efforts have resulted in the identification of important figures of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh and information which shows the extent of their activities in connection with the Communist Party.

In view of the valuable information which this informant is now able to furnish, it is recommended that the Bureau authorize this office to continue payments to him in the amount of \$15 per week.

Very truly yours,

H. K. Johnson E.B.
H. K. JOHNSON
SAC

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ON 5/11/01

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Washington, D. C.

June 12, 1943

PERSONAL ATTENTION

AC, Pittsburgh

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7-12-5771

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense
Informant

b7D

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 7, 1943, in which you request authority to increase the regular payments to this informant from \$15 per week to \$25 per week, in view of the fact that he has become a very active member in the Tom Paine Branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. He is spending much additional time in connection with such matters, and thus far is producing excellent results.

In accordance with your recommendation, the requested authority is hereby granted and it is to be effective for a period of three months from this date.

You should afford the activities of this informant your close personal supervision in order to insure that the increased compensation will be fully deserved.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson _____

Mr. E. A. Tamm _____

Mr. Clegg _____

Mr. Coffey _____

Mr. Glavin _____

Mr. Ladd _____

Mr. Nichols _____

Mr. Rosen _____

Mr. Tracy _____

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DATE 2/11/01 BY 3003 dwb/llb

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: Mr. Gunsser (sent direct)

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United States Department of Justice

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 7, 1943

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CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT
(Pittsburgh, Pa.)
DEFERRED RECORD

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Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Kramer.....
Mr. McGuire.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 17, 1943, in which authority was given to pay the above-mentioned informant at the rate of \$15 per week.

Please be advised that this informant has become a very active member of the Tom Paine Branch which is the intellectual branch in the City of Pittsburgh. As a result of this he serves on several committees and spends approximately 30 hours a week on nothing but Communist Party matters. Because of this drain on his time and due to the fact that he is now producing better information regarding the Party than any other Pittsburgh informant, it is requested that the Bureau authorize the payment in the amount of \$25 per week.

Due to the conscientious manner in which this informant has worked and due to the fact that he is producing what is believed to be excellent results, this additional compensation is believed to be warranted at this time. In view of the fact that he belongs to the intellectual branch he is called upon occasionally to donate larger amounts to the Communist Sustaining Fund than an ordinary working member is expected to pay. For this reason the \$15 a week does not appear to be adequate compensation for the work done by this informant.

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ON 5/11/01

Very truly yours,

H. K. Johnson

H. K. JOHNSON
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

October 12, 1943

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: MATT EVETIC, ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT - [redacted]

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
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Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Acers.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Mumford.....
Mr. Starke.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....
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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Confidential Informant [redacted] was on October 11, 1943, paid the sum of \$9 to cover expenses incurred by him during his recent trip to the State Headquarters of the Communist Party in Philadelphia, in excess of the \$25 previously given [redacted] by this office. [redacted] advises that the \$34 was spent as follows: \$17 for transportation; \$17 for food, lodging, and entertainment with Communist Party Officials in Philadelphia.

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Very truly yours,

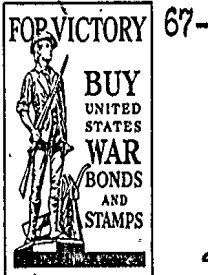
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
November 19, 1943

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RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense
Informant [redacted]

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Piper	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated October 12, 1943, to the effect that this informant had been paid a total of \$34 for a trip to the Communist Party State Headquarters in Philadelphia.

Reference is also made to Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated September 30, 1943, regarding Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] in which authority was requested for [redacted] to make the trip to contact Communist Party leaders in Philadelphia.

Please be advised that inadvertently an error was made in requesting authority for [redacted] to go to Philadelphia. It was intended that this authority be obtained for [redacted] did go to Philadelphia and was paid the sum of \$34 for expenses incurred as previously set forth.

Reference letter regarding [redacted] properly belongs in the file of this informant [redacted].

Very truly yours,

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ON 5/11/01

H. K. JOHNSON
SAC

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December 15, 1943

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SAC, Pittsburgh

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense
Informant [redacted]

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Form 6-74

Dear Sir:

Based upon the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of December 6, 1943, you are granted authority to compensate the above named individual at the increased rate of \$35 per week for a period of three months effective December 12, 1943.

To insure that the greatest benefit is received by the Bureau for the increased stipend given to him, you must continue to carefully direct and supervise his activities as well as to evaluate the information furnished by him. Two weeks prior to the expiration of this authorized period you are to again communicate with the Bureau in accordance with Section 13 of the National Defense Manual.

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DATE 2/11/01 BY 39063elw/bm/lbb

Very truly yours,

cc: Mr. Gunsser (sent direct)

John Edgar Hoover
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 6, 1943

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Director, FBI

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RE: MATTHEW OVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE

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DECLASSIFIED BY 39032/w/bc/lwb
ON 5/11/01

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 16, 1943, authorizing compensation to the above entitled informant at the rate of \$25 per week for a period of three months from September 12, 1943.

Please be advised that this individual is rapidly becoming one of the most active members of the Tom Paine Branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. He is frequently the chairman at their semi-monthly meetings and is recognized by all members of the Branch as an excellent Party member. The Tom Paine Branch is the professional branch of the Party in Pittsburgh and without question the most important Party unit in Pittsburgh. This informant has been able to identify over forty members of this Branch and gives considerable background information about each individual whom he identifies. Members of the Communist Party are frequently referred to [] by prominent Communist Party officials in this district inasmuch as [] is a Senior Interviewer at the U. S. Employment Service in Pittsburgh and has been active in placing a number of heretofore unknown members of the Communist Party in national defense jobs in this area. When a member of the Communist Party comes to him seeking employment, he is in a position to get complete background information concerning the individual which he submits to this office.

[] submits excellent typewritten reports on all the meetings of the Tom Paine Branch together with reports on the Lenin meetings and discussion groups which meet under the auspices of the Tom Paine Branch of the Party. He recently submitted to this office a detailed report on a joint meeting of the Tom Paine Branch with the Squirrel Hill Branch and the Oakland Branch of the Party in Pittsburgh. [] is presently very closely associated with ANTHONY (TONY) MINERICH who is the most influential Croatian Communist in the Pittsburgh District. MINERICH is the Editor of the "Narodni Glasnik", Croatian language paper which is published at the Progressive Print Shop at



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Letter to the Director
From SAC Pittsburgh
December 6, 1943

b7D —

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC

1916 East Street, North Side, Pittsburgh, where three other language Communist papers are printed. Up to the present time, it has been very difficult to secure any information regarding the activities of the individuals associated with the Progressive Print Shop and it is felt that because of [] association with MINERICH, this office will be in a position to secure vital information concerning the language groups in the near future which groups maintain their headquarters at the Progressive Print Shop.

[] in his new association with MINERICH is collaborating with him in the formation of an all Slav Congress for Western Pennsylvania. With MINERICH as one of the leading figures in this all Slav Congress, it is reasonable to assume that it will be Communist dominated throughout.

Based upon the information heretofore set forth, it is recommended that the services of this individual be continued and that his compensation be increased to \$35 per week.

Very truly yours,

H. K. Johnson EJB-
H. K. JOHNSON
SAC

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SAC, Pittsburgh

March 21, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

MATTHEW CORTIC

① Confidential National Defense
Informant [redacted]

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 15, 1943, granting you authority to compensate the above named individual at the rate of \$35 per week for a period of three months effective December 12, 1943.

The period granted to pay him has now expired and you should immediately communicate with the Bureau regarding the status of this individual as an informant of your office.

In the event you desire to continue his compensation, you should set forth a brief but informative summary of the information he has furnished during the past authorized period and make a recommendation regarding the amount of compensation he should receive.

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ON: 5/11/0

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SAC, Pittsburgh

March 31, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

INTERNAL SECURITY

Confidential National Defense

Informant

Your file 67-2534

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 MAR 31 1944
 FBI - PITTSBURGH
 [initials]

Reference is made to your letter of March 24, 1944, in which you request authority to continue regular payments of \$35 per week to this informant.

In view of your personal recommendation the requested authority is granted for an additional period of three months.

Your attention is invited to Section 13 of the National Defense Manual wherein you will note specific instructions are set forth requiring you to advise the Bureau at least two weeks in advance of the termination of a previously authorized period in the event you desire the authority to pay an informant to be continued. It is noted the previous period for regular payments to this informant expired March 12, 1944, and that your request for continuance is dated March 24, 1944. It is expected in the future you will closely adhere to the existing regulations.

cc: Mr. Gunsser (sent direct)

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DATE 5/10/01 BY 3903 elw/bee/lbb

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 24, 1944

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RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMATION

DECLASSIFIED BY 39003 elw/bce/lwb
ON 5/11/01

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Mr. Mumford.....
Mr. Starke.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 21, 1944, requesting that a brief informative summary of the information furnished by the above referenced informant and a recommendation regarding the amount of compensation to be paid to this informant be furnished to the Bureau.

Please be advised that this informant is one of the most active members of the Tom Paine Branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh. This Branch is the Professional Branch of the Party in Pittsburgh and is without question the most important Party unit in Pittsburgh. This informant has been able to identify members of this Branch and has given considerable background information concerning each individual whom he identifies. On numerous occasions, this individual has acted as chairman at the semi-monthly meetings of the Tom Paine Branch.

This informant's position as a Senior Interviewer at the United States Employment Service in Pittsburgh has enabled him to assist numerous Communists in obtaining national defense jobs at the Pittsburgh area. When a member of the Communist Party comes to him seeking employment, he is able to get the complete background information concerning the individual which he submits to the Pittsburgh Office.

Confidential Informant [] submits excellent typewritten reports on all of the meetings of the Tom Paine Branch as well other meetings which he attends in Pittsburgh. ab

On December 12, 1943, [] attended first regular conference of the newly formed Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia District of the Communist Party which was held at the Keystone Hotel in Pittsburgh. 100-372789-9
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Letter to the Director
From SAC Pittsburgh
March 24, 1944

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was able to furnish this office with the names of many of the individuals attending this conference as well as with the names of individuals elected to serve on the District Committee.

This informant also has attended several meetings held by the Party at 1916 East Street, North Side, Pittsburgh, which is the office of the Croatian Progressive Print Shop. This printing company publishes "Slobodna Rec", "Narodni Glasnik", and "Ludovy Dennik", and other foreign language newspapers. Informant has been working closely with ANTHONY MINERICH, Editor of "Narodni Glasnik", Croatian Communist publication, and is scheduled to assist MINERICH as Assistant Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress.

This informant also attended the Croatian American Congress held at the Fort Pitt Hotel on January 23, 1944. He also attended the American Slav Congress held on January 21 and 22 at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh. Information concerning the individuals attending both of these Congresses was furnished by this individual to the Pittsburgh Office.

(11) In view of the information outlined above, it is recommended that the services of this individual be continued and that his compensation remain at \$35 per week.

Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor
H. T. O'CONNOR *del*
SAC

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SAC, Pittsburgh

June 8, 1944

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI

INTERNAL ATTENTION

PATENT GYETIC

Confidential National Defense

Informant [redacted]

Your file 67-2534

United States

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Reference is made to your letter of May 15, 1944, summarizing the material made available by the above informant during the past authorized period and requesting authority to pay him at the rate of \$35 per week for an additional three months.

In view of the valuable information which he has made available to you, and based upon your personal recommendation, you may continue to pay him at the rate of \$35 per week for an additional three months effective June 12, 1944. You must continue to evaluate the information submitted by Gyclic to insure the Bureau is receiving the maximum value for the money expended, and if at any time you determine this is not the situation, an appropriate adjustment should be made and the Bureau promptly advised.

Two weeks prior to the expiration of this authorized period you are to again communicate with the Bureau in accordance with Section 13 of the National Defense Manual.

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DATE 5/11/01 BY 39063elw/bce/lcsb

cc: Mr. Gunsser (sent direct)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

620 New Federal Building

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

May 15, 1944

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director, FBI

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Form 4-774

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National
Defense Informant

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 31, 1944 granting authorization to compensate the above-captioned individual at the rate of \$35. per week for a three months' period effective from March 24, 1944. Since the referenced letter, this informant has attended the semi-monthly meetings of the Tom Paine Branch of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh and has identified 8 new members of the branch who were recruited into the party during the recruiting drive ending May 1, 1944. Through this informant, the Pittsburgh Office has complete coverage on the Tom Paine Branch which consists of approximately 60 members and is known as the professional branch. The Tom Paine Branch is presently being dissolved however, and the members of the branch are being placed in clubs yet to be formed throughout the city of Pittsburgh. In view of this, it is anticipated that Confidential Informant [] will be placed in a club having membership of at least 100 individuals and it is known that within a very short period of time this informant can identify the majority of individuals affiliated with the club to which he is assigned.

This office is presently advising [] to endeavor to be assigned to the same club that the members of the editorial staff of the language papers published on the North Side, Pittsburgh, are assigned to.

[] since the referenced letter, organized a local of the United Office and Professional Workers - CIO at the United States Employment Service, Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, and on May 12, 1944, was elected president of the local. JACK STROBEL, the full-time district organizer for the United Office and Professional Workers - CIO, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a member of the Tom Paine Branch of the Communist Party and is well known to []. As a result of [] organizing the local at the United States Employment Service and being elected president it is anticipated that he will be in an excellent position to gain the confidence of STROBEL and will be of great assistance to this office in determining the communist infiltration of the United Office and Professional Workers in this district.



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From: Pittsburgh
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
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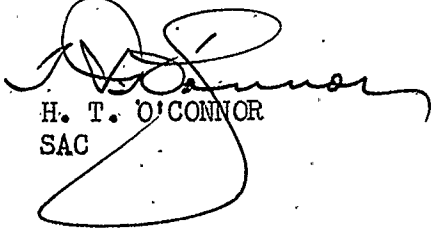
[] together with ANTHONY MINERICH, Editor of "Narodni Glasnik", Croatian language newspaper published on the North Side, Pittsburgh, which incidentally follows the Communist Party line, was instrumental in the formation of the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress and [] is the secretary of this organization. [] has submitted detailed reports to the Pittsburgh Office concerning all matters of the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress and has been able to identify the individuals in attendance at the meetings and advise whether or not they are members of the Communist Party.

[] was selected by the district officials of the Communist Party to give a speech on Sunday, May 14 on "TITO" at Clairton, Pennsylvania. Since [] became affiliated with the Communist Party on February 12, 1943, he has steadily gained the confidence of the district officials and the leading members of the party who head the various foreign language newspapers published on the North Side in Pittsburgh. [] is a delegate to attend the district conference of the Communist Party to be held Sunday, May 14, 1944 at the North Side Carnegie Library Lecture Hall from 9 AM to 6 PM

In view of the past reports submitted to this office by [] it is known that he will submit an excellent detailed report on this district conference meeting as well as other meetings of the Communist Party and the other organizations with which he is connected.

It is therefore recommended that [] be compensated at the rate of \$35. per week for his services for the next three months.

Very truly yours,


H. T. O'CONNOR
SAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 26, 1944

Director, FBI

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT
Bureau file #66-2542

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ON 5/11/01

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has been advised in the past of this informant's extensive activity in connection with the Communist Party and the Communist Political Association and of the fact that CVETIC is by far the most capable of the informants in Communist matters this office has.

In recent months, he has made remarkable progress in assuming leadership in the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania and becoming thoroughly conversant on activities of the Staff of the four Communist controlled newspapers in Pittsburgh, namely, the Slovak "Ludovy Dennik" and "Pravda"; the Croatian, "Narodni Glasnik", and the Serbian, "Slobodna Rec". The Party leaders look with favor upon his organizing ability in connection with the Slav Congress.

The leadership in this Congress has provided the Informant with the means of becoming very familiar with the Board of Directors and the Editorial Staffs of the newspapers mentioned above.

This has necessitated, however, the informant's attendance at meetings almost every night with ANTHONY MINERICH, HELEN VRABEL, CALVIN BROOK, MIRKO MARKOVICH, JOHN SOBCZAK, and many others of the Congress and the newspapers. These private meetings are always followed by discussions at restaurant and taverns in Pittsburgh where the policy of these organizations is actually formulated. The informant estimates that he spends \$9 or \$10 per week at such discussions. It is through these discussions that information most valuable to this office is obtained.

In addition, since June, 1944, when the Informant became very



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From SAC Pittsburgh
August 26, 1944

active with the Congress and the newspapers, he has been called upon frequently to address groups in surrounding cities necessitating additional expenditures but enhancing his reputation in the Party.

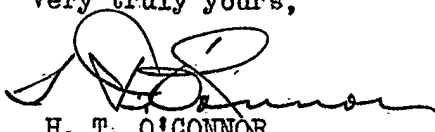
The above expenses are in addition to the Informant's normal expenditures for Party dues, assessments (he was this month assessed \$15 for the Party Fund Drive), telephone calls, Union expenditures, etc. The Informant has continued all this activity in connection with the Party and has continued to submit reports in these matters as previously.

To compensate the Informant for his increased expenses, it is proposed to allow him expense money in the amount of \$10 per week for the period August 6 to September 30, 1944, inclusive. This would be in addition to the \$35 per week regularly paid the Informant.

In the event Bureau authority is obtained, strict supervision will be afforded the informant to establish that his expenses continue to equal or exceed the proposed payment.

If the extensive activity of the Congress continues beyond September 30, an additional request will be made to the Bureau for authorization to continue payment of such expenditures.

Very truly yours,



H. T. O'CONNOR
SAC

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SAC, Pittsburgh

PERSONAL ATTENTION September 6, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MATTHEW CYOTIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT

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Based upon the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of August 29, 1944, you are granted authority to pay this informant at the rate of \$35.00 per week for an additional period of three months effective September 12, 1944.

Reference is also made to your letter of August 26, 1944, advising Cyotic had been incurring expenses of approximately \$10 per week for the past several weeks in obtaining information for your Office. You continued to request authority to allow him expense money not to exceed \$10.00 per week for the period of August 6 to September 30, 1944.

In view of your personal recommendation, approval is granted to reimburse him in an amount not to exceed \$10.00 per week for the requested period. In view of the stipend which has been authorized, it will be necessary for you to carefully supervise the activities of this informant and evaluate the material submitted by him to insure the Bureau's receiving an adequate return for the money expended. If at any time you determine that this is not the situation or in the event there is any other change in his status as an informant, the Bureau is to be promptly advised.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 29, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL
DEFENSE INFORMANT [redacted]

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 8, 1944, granting authorization to compensate the above-entitled individual at the rate of \$35 a week for a three-month period effective June 12, 1944.

Since the referenced letter, this informant attended the Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia Communist Party district convention which was held on June 10 and June 11, 1944, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At this convention the Communist Party for Western-Pennsylvania-West Virginia was dissolved, and the Communist Political Association of Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia was formed. [redacted] submitted a detailed report concerning this convention and set forth all the officers of the Communist Political Association for Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia. This informant has been exhibited motion pictures which were taken by Agents of the Pittsburgh Office as individuals were entering and leaving the district convention heretofore mentioned, and the informant was able to identify approximately eighty individuals from the pictures.

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[redacted] has attended meetings of the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress on an average of three or four times a week for the past three months and has submitted reports to this office concerning these meetings.

[redacted] has been able to identify the Communist Party members in attendance at the various committee meetings of the Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress.

This informant is a delegate to the Steel City Council in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which is affiliated with the Industrial Union Councils-CIO. [redacted] is president of the local of the United Office and Professional Workers-CIO, which is affiliated with the United States Employment Service in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This informant is a member of the North Side Club of the Communist Political Association

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To: Director
From: Pittsburgh
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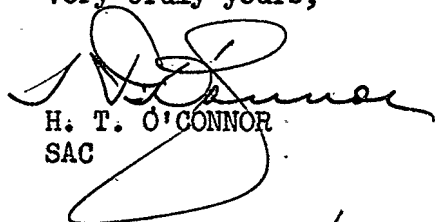
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in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and attends all its executive meeting and has been doing considerable Communist Party work among the Slovenes in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

In view of the information submitted by this informant to the Pittsburgh Office during the past three months and in view of his many party connections, it is recommended that his services be retained by the Pittsburgh Office and that he continue to be compensated at the rate of \$35 a week for the next three months.

Very truly yours,


H. T. O'CONNOR
SAC

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United States Department of Justice

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
September 4, 1944

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Director, FBI

RE: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT

Mr. A. T. ...
Mr. Clegg ...
Mr. Coffey ...
Mr. Glavin ...
Mr. Ladd ...
Mr. Nichols ...
Mr. Rosen ...
Mr. Tracy ...
Mr. Acers ...
Mr. Carson ...
Mr. Egan ...
Mr. Mumford ...
Mr. Starke ...
Mr. Quinn Tamm ...

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to teletype from the Bureau dated August 28, 1944, entitled, "NATIONAL SLOVENIAN CONVENTION; INTERNAL SECURITY (C)", wherein authority was granted for this Informant's attendance at the Convention. The Informant attended the Convention and has submitted an extensive report which is being forwarded to the Bureau and Cleveland. He is being reimbursed by this office for expenses incurred as follows:

Transportation to Cleveland and return	\$13.00
Taxi fare, Pittsburgh and Cleveland	5.40
Hotel room, September 1-3, 1944	10.50
Meals	9.50
Entertainment (While with LEO KRZYCKI, LOUIS ADAMIC, and GEORGE WITKOVIC of the Slav Congress and other delegates to the Convention at Slovenian Hall, Workingmen's Home, and Croatian Home Association--all Cleveland).	11.00
Telephone and Telegraph	2.33
Tips and miscellaneous	2.00
Time lost from employment, 1½ days, September 2 and 4, 1944	16.54
Total	\$70.27

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Very truly yours,

H. T. O'CONNOR
SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: December 7, 1944

FROM : Mr. G. C. Callan

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense
Informant [redacted]Limited Classification
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
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Mr. Hendon	_____
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Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Reference is made to the letter from the Pittsburgh Office to the Bureau dated November 2, 1944, in the case entitled "Sidney M. Horovitz was; Internal Security - Hatch Act", regarding Cvetic who is employed by the United States Employment Service for the purpose of diverting suspicion from him. He is very active in the Communist Party and is a fellow employee of Horovitz.

The Communists, including Horovitz, have thought it strange that the Pittsburgh Office has been investigating Horovitz and not Cvetic. I talked to SAC O'Connor on December 7, 1944, and explained to him that we could not become involved in a Hatch Act investigation of Cvetic because we would have to afford him an opportunity to be interviewed under oath in order to make the investigation look genuine. I explained to him the possible difficulties which might result from false statements made by Cvetic to agents of the Bureau while under oath or to the withholding of pertinent information on the part of Cvetic. I explained to him on the other hand if Cvetic gave us a complete account of his activities in the Party, the United States Employment Service, despite its laxity in enforcing the Hatch Act, would have no recourse except to dispense with his services.

O'Connor stated that the letter was poorly phrased and that what they really wanted to do was to discontinue the Hatch Act case on Horovitz in order to take suspicion off from Cvetic. I told him to go ahead and do this inasmuch as our investigation is practically completed anyway and the United States Employment Service would not do anything to Horovitz regardless of how much information we procured from Cvetic and other sources unless Horovitz admitted everything at the time of an interview.

Cvetic is making a great deal of progress in the Party and it is particularly expedient at this time to do everything to increase our informant coverage in the Party in the Pittsburgh and Erie areas because it is from these areas that the most recent rumors have emanated indicating the probability of a new smear campaign directed at the Bureau and the Director on the part of the Communists. Naturally we want to keep open all lines of information on this subject, and therefore I told O'Connor that for the time being at least to discontinue activity on the Horovitz case, and I also told him to tell Cvetic to be more discreet in his Communist Party activities. In other words, he can't go around the country "throwing his weight around" as a militant active Communist and at the same time continuing his employment at the United States Employment Service without the question naturally being asked by members of the Party as to why this individual is able to get away with so much without becoming the subject of a Hatch Act investigation. O'Connor said that he would have Cvetic tone down his activities and be more discreet in the future.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

SAC, Pittsburgh

December 23, 1944

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense
Informant
Pittsburgh file 67-2534

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In accordance with the personal recommendation contained in your letter of December 8, 1944, approval is granted to pay this informant at the rate of \$35 per week for an additional three months effective December 12, 1944.

It is noted this informant is employed by the United States Employment Service. The Bureau realizes it is often necessary for informants to work publicly for the party, but such activities on the part of an employee of a government agency may possibly jeopardize his informant value and should not be encouraged. Therefore, you must carefully supervise Cvetic's activities to prevent any possible embarrassment to the Bureau, and caution should be exercised to not impair his use by any open and notorious activities on behalf of the party.

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BY 3903elw/ksk

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Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

cc - Mr. Lee (Room 5226)

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Mr. Lee

Mr. Egan

Mr. Jones

Mr. Mumford

Mr. Quinn

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 8, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT

Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Pennington.....
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Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 6, 1944, in which authorization is granted to compensate the above-entitled individual at the rate of \$35.00 per week for a period of three months from September 12, 1944.

Since the referenced letter, the above-captioned individual has furnished the Pittsburgh Office with numerous reports concerning the American Slav Congress and made available to the Pittsburgh Office a lengthy detailed report of the Second National American Slav Congress which was held in Pittsburgh September 23 and 24, 1944. This Informant furnished the Pittsburgh Office with a list of the resolutions which were finally adopted at the Congress several days before the actual Congress took place. The Informant was also able to furnish the Pittsburgh Office with a list of the officers elected at the Congress before the election was held.

The above-captioned individual is presently Secretary of the North Side Club of the Communist Political Association in Pittsburgh and makes available to the Pittsburgh Office detailed reports concerning all activities of the North Side Club which club has approximately 100 members.

The Informant is slated to become President of the North Side Club in January, 1945, and upon becoming President of the Club, he will automatically be invited to all major Executive meetings of the association in the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The Informant attended a District Committee Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania - West Virginia District of the Communist Political Association in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1944, and has made available to the Pittsburgh Office a ten-page report concerning the meeting in which he identified approximately 55 individuals as being in attendance.

In view of the above, it is recommended that authorization be granted to continue compensating the above individual at the rate of \$35.00 per week for the next three months.



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Very truly yours,

H. T. O'CONNOR, SAC

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SAC, Pittsburgh

March 25, 1945

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Confidential Informant
Defense Informant []
Your File 67-3551

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United States
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Based upon the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of March 6, 1945, the requested authority is granted to pay Grotto at the rate of \$65 per week for an additional three months effective March 12, 1945.

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
- Mr. Ladd.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
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- Mr. Hendon.....
- Mr. Pennington.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

Your reference letter contains very general statements regarding the information furnished to you by this informant during the past authorized period. In your future letters to the Bureau you should carefully summarize the pertinent information furnished by this informant and on which you base your recommendation relative to his future use and the amount to be paid him.

cc - Mr. Lee (Room 5230)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
620 New Federal Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
March 6, 1945

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
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Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT [redacted] b7D

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 28, 1944 in which authorization is granted to compensate the above-entitled individual at the rate of \$35 per week for a period of three months from December 12, 1944.

This informant during the past three months has furnished the Pittsburgh Office with detailed information concerning general party plans, activities, and policies as well as complete reports on communist activities among Slovak, Serbian, and Slovenian nationality groups. Because of his initiative and organizational skill, it appears that he is being relied upon by CPA officers in an ever increasing degree. He is well acquainted with most active CPA members and after attending party functions, he is able to furnish the names of all those in attendance. His reports are typewritten and are prepared in a thorough manner and are received almost daily by the Pittsburgh Office.

At the present time, while being active in the American Slav Congress, he has accepted the position of Executive Secretary in the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief for Western Pennsylvania. He attended the district executive committee meeting held in Pittsburgh on February 18, 1945 and the district finance committee meeting held February 16, 1945, and submitted comprehensive reports on both.

The informant is fully cognizant of the dangers involved in open and notorious party activity in view of his position as an employee of the Federal Government. Furthermore, his actions are closely supervised by agents of this office to insure against any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

It is therefore recommended that authorization be granted to continue compensating this informant at the rate of \$35 per week for the next three months.



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*Letter Pittsburgh
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Very truly yours,
H. T. O'CONNOR
SAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
620 New Federal Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 11, 1945

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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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Director, FBI

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Re: ^①MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL
DEFENSE INFORMANT
Bureau File #66-2512

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Bureau instructions, CVETIC attended the emergency meeting of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress at the Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, on April 7 and 8, 1945. He participated in the secret meetings of the Communist Political Association leaders in addition to the regular meetings of the committee.

CVETIC submitted a 23 page typewritten report on the proceedings at Cleveland including:

1. Names, addresses, business, and organization affiliation of the 54 delegates, together with background data on each.
2. Complete report of a private meeting of CPA leaders in the movement including names, addresses, and affiliation of those in attendance; detailed account of instructions as issued by AVRAM LANDY of the National Committee of the CPA, and the proposed course of action at and the selection of a delegate to the San Francisco Conference.
3. A full report on the first formal committee meeting at Cleveland on April 7, demonstrating how the instructions of LANDY were carried out.
4. Additional private meetings of the CPA leaders preparatory to the second formal meeting on April 8.

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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, Pittsburgh
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC

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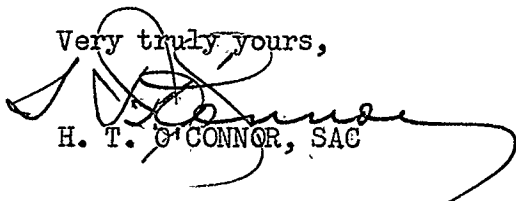
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The following were the expenses incurred by this informant in connection with the above:

Lost time from employment, April 6 ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)	
April 7 and 9, 1945 (total $2\frac{1}{2}$ days) @ \$11.25 per day.....	\$28.12
Meals April 6 to 9, 1945 ($3\frac{1}{2}$ days)	15.75
Hotel accommodations, 2 days @ \$3.75, 1 day @ \$4.95.....	12.45
Transportation railroad and pullman fare to Cleveland and return.....	11.45
Taxi from residence in Pittsburgh to Pennsylvania Station at departure and from station to residence on return.....	1.90
Taxi from station at Cleveland to Carter Hotel and from Carter Hotel to station on departure	1.70
Taxi in Cleveland from Carter Hotel to Croatian Home and misc....	2.30
Postage.....	.65
Telephone - miscellaneous calls in Cleveland from Carter Hotel and Colonial Hotel and one long distance call to Pittsburgh @ \$1.30.....	2.45
Entertainment - Money necessarily expended at the Carter Hotel, Colonial Hotel, Croatian Home, and various bars in Cleveland for the purpose of procuring information which could not otherwise be obtained, from LEO BACICH of the IWO in NYC, AVRAM LANDY of the CPA in NYC, GEORGE and MARY PIRINSKY of the Slav Congress in NYC, ETBIN KRISTAN, Slovenian leader in Chicago, ZARKO BUNCICH, Serbian leader of Akron, STEVE KRALL, Slav Congress leader in Brooklyn, and many others	17.00
TOTAL	<u>\$93.77</u>

Payment is being made to the informant in the amount of
\$93.77.

Very truly yours,


H. T. O'CONNOR, SAC

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

June 13, 1945

SAC, Pittsburgh

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense
Informant

100-374407-18

United States
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
June 13, 1945

In view of the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of June 1, 1945 the Bureau will approve paying this informant at the increased rate of \$42.50 per week for a trial period of three months beginning June 12, 1945.

It will be necessary for you to evaluate the material submitted by Cvetic to insure the Bureau receives an adequate return for the increased stipend which is paid to him. In his supervision you should bear in mind the necessity for Cvetic to exercise discretion in connection with his activities on behalf of the CPA in view of his employment by the United States Employment Service and this matter should receive very careful consideration to avoid any embarrassment to the Bureau. You should also keep the Bureau informed of any progress which Cvetic makes in advancing in the CPA.

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cc - Mr. Lee
Room 5230

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box Number 1525
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 1, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL
DEFENSE INFORMANT
Bureau File No. 66-2542

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Dear Sir:

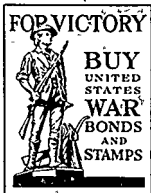
Reference is made to your letter dated March 23, 1945, in which authorization was granted to compensate the above-entitled informant at the rate of \$35.00 per week for a period of three months, effective March 12, 1945.

During this period the informant has continued to provide detailed information regarding all major Communist Political Association functions within this District. He is a member of the Finance Committee of the Communist Political Association, and as such, has presented a typewritten analysis of the financial condition of the District. He also attended, with Bureau authorization, an emergency meeting of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress held at the Carter Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, April 7 and 8, 1945. Upon his return, he provided a thorough, complete, and detailed report, not only on the general meetings, but also on the various caucuses held in connection with this gathering.

He has also furnished this office with a report of all the activities of the Slovenian-American National Council, together with a copy of resolutions prepared by this organization for the San Francisco Conference. He continues to be extremely active among the foreign language elements in Pittsburgh, and is able to follow and analyze the extent of the Communist infiltration among the various foreign nationality organizations.

During this three-month period, the informant has worked as an organizer for the Communist Political Association in the Lawrenceville Section of Pittsburgh. Through this he has been able to provide a complete list of Lawrenceville members, together with their dues payment record.

Of particular interest to the Bureau during the past month, this informant has been invited by MAX WEISS and JOSEPH GODFREY, District #5 President



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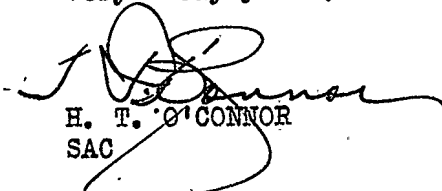
Pittsburgh to Bureau
June 1, 1945

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT

and Vice-President respectively, to become a full-time Party functionary. These officers have realized for many months that the structure of the Communist Political Association in this District is on the verge of collapse, both from the standpoint of membership and finances. In an effort to strengthen their organization, they have recognized the skill and energy of this informant and are entrusting him with the responsibility of resuscitating the financial condition of the District. From this position, the informant will be able to provide the Pittsburgh Office and the Bureau with absolute coverage of all phases of the Communist Political Association's work. Furthermore, he will no doubt come in close contact with various national functionaries who visit Pittsburgh from time to time. It is anticipated that he will keep this office advised of all major changes in policy on the part of the Communist Political Association.

Therefore, in view of this informant's past record, and his future potentialities, it is recommended that his weekly remuneration be increased to \$42.50 and authorization be granted for reimbursement for all extraordinary expenses.

Very truly yours,


H. T. O'CONNOR
SAC

WBM: cc
67-2584

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DIRECTOR URGENT
HIRE. CNDD.

REURTEL THIS DATE. INFORMANT

NOT ELECTED AS OFFICIAL DELEGATE TO NATIONAL CPA CONVENTION AT
DISTRICT FIVE CPA CONFERENCE HELD JULY FIFTEEN, FORTYFIVE. HE WILL,
HOWEVER, BE ISSUED CREDENTIALS TO ATTEND IN VISITOR CAPACITY. BUREAU
AND NEW YORK WILL BE NOTIFIED FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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 SAC, Pittsburgh

PERSONAL ATTENTION

September 24, 1945

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John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MATTHEW OVETIC

Confidential National Defense
Informant
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Reference is made to your letter dated August 27, 1945, in which you requested authority to continue paying this informant. Based upon your personal recommendation as set forth in the referenced letter, authority is granted to pay this informant at the rate of \$50 per week for a period of three months effective September 12, 1945. It is understood that this informant will pay all of his expenses from the \$50 per week which he is receiving. In connection with your request for permission to pay this informant for expenses incurred for the three months' period June 12, 1945, to September 12, 1945, authority is given to pay these expenses by increasing his rate of pay from \$42.50 per week to \$50 per week for that three months' period. He should be told that this additional \$7.50 per week is in lieu of being reimbursed for his expenses.

You must continue to carefully supervise the activities of this informant to insure that the Bureau is receiving an adequate return for the money expended. In view of Ovetic's employment with the United States Employment Service, Ovetic should continue to be discreet in his activities in the Communist

In addition, he should not be so active that suspicion will necessarily

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Mr. Lee (Room 5230)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 27, 1945

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Director

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC, Confidential
National Defense Informant, [redacted]
Bureau File 66-2542

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Form 4-774

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 13, 1945, wherein authorization was granted to pay this informant \$42.50 per week for a period of three months beginning June 12, 1945.

Since June 12, 1945, this informant has continued to take a leading part in Communist activities in this district, and has reported regularly and completely on Communist matters generally.

Because of his employment by the United States Employment Service, he has not been given an official position with the Party; however, he was placed in charge of the "Daily Worker" fund drive for which a goal of \$1000 was set. Informant raised more than \$1500 and as a result of this, MAX WEISS, President of District Five, received a letter of commendation from JOHN WILLIAMSON of the New York CPA headquarters.

The informant was invited to accompany the District Five delegation to New York City to attend the National Convention as a visitor, held the week of July 5, 1945. He attended two sessions of the convention, including the final session held Saturday, July 28, 1945.

He also attended a Slovenian Day Rally in Cleveland, Ohio, held July 8, 1945. In addition, he has been able to provide complete coverage of Communist activities within the American Slav Congress and the American Committee for Yugoslavian Relief. He is the Executive Secretary of the latter group in Allegheny County.

He has regularly attended meetings of the East End Club in Pittsburgh, and is the organizer of the Lawrenceville Club. On June 10, 1945, he attended the District Committee meeting and he attended the District Convention held July 15, 1945, and August 18, and 19, 1945.

In view of the above, it is recommended that reimbursement to this informant be continued at the rate of \$42.50 per week.



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Re: M. NEW CVETIC, CNDI
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In Pittsburgh letter dated June 1, 1945, authority was requested to reimburse this informant for all extraordinary expenses. In Bureau letter of June 3, 1945, specific authorization for the payment of expenses was not included; however, since the date of this letter, the informant has submitted weekly expense accounts which have averaged approximately \$9. These expenses have included such items as the entertainment of visiting functionaries and district officers, the purchase of literature, payment of dues, and contributions to Russian War Relief and the "Daily Worker" fund drive. Since much good information and good will are obtained in this way, authorization is again requested for the payment of these expenses. An alternative is suggested whereby the Bureau would increase the weekly payment to \$50.00, effective June 12, 1945, and from this the informant would be required to pay his own expenses.

Very truly yours,

James B. Poster
JAMES B. POSTER, SAC

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United States Department of Justice**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
October 15, 1945

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Director, FBI

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Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted]
(Bureau file 66-2542)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to All SAC's dated October 10, 1945. On September 24, 1945 authority was granted to reimburse this informant at the rate of \$50.00 per week for services and expenses.

This informant continues to be the most valuable source of information available to the Pittsburgh Office on general Communist activities, particularly in the foreign language field. At the present time he is acting as an organizer of the Lawrenceville Club of District #5 of the Communist Party and is in close contact with ROY HUDSON and JOE GODFREY, leaders of the District Organization of the Communist Party.

On September 2, 1945 a meeting was held of various Slovenian Communist leaders in Pittsburgh, at which time plans were discussed regarding formation of a stronger Slovenian Communist movement in this country. Following this meeting another meeting was held on September 30, 1945 in Cleveland, Ohio. At this second meeting CVETIC was voted as chairman and it was decided that he would act as the National Leader of the Slovenian Communist movement. He was considered to be well qualified for this position in view of his visit to the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C. on September 9, 1945, at which time he discussed the problems of the Slovenian Communists in this country with Dr. MAKIEDO, a councilor in the Yugoslav Embassy.

On September 28, 1945 CVETIC, acting as Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, presented a benefit concert in Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa. ZLATKO BALAKOVICH was the featured artist. CVETIC was able to raise more than \$6,000 through this concert, as a result of which he is looked upon with respect by the local Communist leaders.

In a discussion with ROY HUDSON and JOE GODFREY on October 15, 1945 it was decided that CVETIC would be in charge of arrangements for a forthcoming Communist anniversary dinner to be held in Pittsburgh honoring WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.

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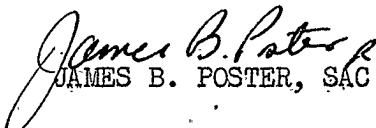
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Re: MATTHEW CVETIC; CNDI

On October 12 and 13, 1945 this informant went to New York City, where he conferred with ANNE TRAVENN, AL LANDY, and other leaders of the Yugoslav Communist movement.

The various investigations being conducted in this office of Communist matters would be seriously curtailed if the services of this informant were discontinued. It is therefore recommended that his reimbursement be continued at the same rate.

Very truly yours,


JAMES B. POSTER, SAC

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

NOVEMBER 14, 1945

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, PITTSBURGH

CNDI

REURTEL NOVEMBER TEN LAST. AUTHORIZATION

GRANTED TO PAY EXPENSES THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT EXCEEDING TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS
FOR TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY CONCERNING YUGOSLAV RELIEF MEETING. (Q) u

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*KC Howe agrees. This
is important contact &
should produce valuable
info concerning Communist
infiltrated labor groups.*

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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FBI PITTSBURGH 5:57 PM EST KRW

DIRECTOR URGENT

TOAD. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [] WHOSE IDENTITY IS KNOWN TO THE BUREAU IS GOING TO NEW YORK CITY WEDNESDAY NIGHT NEXT ON BUSINESS FOR COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY. PERMISSION IS REQUESTED FOR HIM TO STAY ONE EXTRA DAY TO MEET WITH GEORGE PIRINSKY AND ANNE TRAVEN TO DISCUSS GENERAL POLICY OF PARTY. EXPENSE WILL AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS FOR ONE DAYS TIME LOST FROM WORK, HOTEL, ENTERTAINMENT AND MEALS.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

December 14, 1945

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John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

MATHEW CVLTIC
Confidential National
Defense Informant
Your file 67-2584

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In accordance with the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of December 6, 1945, approval is granted to pay this informant at the rate of \$50 per week. This authority, which is made effective December 12, 1945, will continue for an additional period of three months.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
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cc - Mr. Lee (Room 5230)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 6, 1945

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Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense Informant
(Bureau file 66-2542)

CONF. INFT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 24, 1945, authorizing this office to continue utilizing the services of this informant at the rate of \$50.00 per week for a period of three months, effective September 12, 1945.

Your attention is called to Pittsburgh letter dated October 15, 1945, in which the activities of this informant from the date of referenced letter until that date were reviewed.

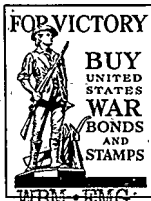
Since October 15, this informant has reported regularly on the Communist Party recruiting progress, on organizational changes, and on current changes in Communist Party policy. He continues to be in charge of the Lawrenceville Section of the Communist Party and recently has been asked by ROY HUDSON, District Organizer, to assist in organizing the South Side Club.

On October 20 and 21, he attended an Executive Board meeting of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans in Cleveland, Ohio.

On November 14, 1945, he went to New York City to confer with national officers of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief. At this time he was asked to accept employment on a full time scale for the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief in Pittsburgh. He was offered \$67.50 per week. He accepted the offer and has resigned from the United States Employment Service. It is believed that since he no longer is employed by the United States Government, the district Communist leaders will be more inclined to impose greater responsibility upon him. It should be recalled that his employment has always been a handicap to his progress in the Party. On November 24, 1945, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party, addressed a meeting of one thousand persons in Pittsburgh. This informant collected tickets at the meeting and also escorted FOSTER from his hotel to the meeting and from the meeting to his train.

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From this it can be seen that this informant is constantly extending his activities within the Party and is consequently increasing his value as an informant. It is, therefore, recommended that his services be continued at the same rate.



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Very truly yours,

J. A. Fletcher

F. A. FLETCHER, SAC

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SAG, Pittsburgh

January 23, 1946

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Confidential National Defense
Informant [redacted]
Pittsburgh file 67-2534

United States Office
of the
Attorney General
Washington, D.C.
Room 4774

Reference is made to your letter of January 3, 1946, furnishing
a letter written by Frank Kedic to Confidential Informant [redacted]

In accordance with your request, there are attached the original
letter and three copies of the translation.

Enclosures

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Dear Friend Matt,

I received your two letters and all the documents. I understood everything very well. The reason that I did not answer you sooner is the following: First of all, I wanted to talk about our work with other members and with friends, but I was not very successful because we do not have the right kind of cooperation. Smole does not want to hear anything. Kotar makes only excuses and draws away from the movement. Everything goes the same way. I continue my activity with some members in our organizations who are in sympathy with us, for instance, Lodge 518, and Lodge "Novo Zivljenje" (New Life), I.W.O. The success is reasonably satisfactory. You saw the report of Joe Mantoni who praised our work on the West Side in Detroit, i.e., our Workers' Home. That was all my work with the aid of sympathizers who are freindly to us. The work in the Workers' Home and in the Women's Club is reasonably good.

On November 25 I spoke on the radio. I was selected by I.W.O., Lodge 518, and the Women's Club. The talk was about the struggle of our people in the old homeland and aid to them in them in their struggle. The people were quite well satisfied.

Dr. Slavko Zore, who happened to be here just at that time, heard it. The meeting and the speech of Zore were successful. I was selected to greet him in the name of two organizations. Lodge 518 SNPJ (Slovenian National Benefit Society) and I.W.O.

When Friend Tartalja was here we were at work in the same way. He asked me when I would be prepared to go to the old country. I should like to go in a few months. Then I am sure that we could start our paper. That would be a great stroke for us.

Let me mention one more thing. Our Socialists in Detroit have become good American Fascists and saboteurs of relief to the old homeland. East Saturday at the Hall we agreed with Kotar and Troha and Mihetic that we would meet and organize a committee to work for the paper "Edinost" (Unity). I shall report to you at the end what the success in this will be.

It is my opinion that we should also organize a new branch of the SANC (Slovenian American National Congress) because we on the West Side are the main constituents of Branch #1 and the Socialists get the credit for it.

I can't tell you anything about the number of members because I am not at all successful.

That is enough for today. There will be more news another time.

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With friendly greetings,

Greetings to Mr. Vitkovic

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Re: MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT

Attention: Translation Section

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a letter written by FRANK MODIC, Serbian Communist leader at Detroit, Michigan, to MATT CVETIC, Confidential Informant

It is requested that a translation be made of this letter and that the original be returned to this office together with the translation.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Fletcher

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In accordance with the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of March 7, 1946, approval is granted to pay this individual at the rate of \$50.00 per week, which is made effective March 12, 1946, and will continue for an additional period of three months.

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1945, which granted authority to pay this informant at the rate of \$50 per week for a period of three months beginning December 12, 1945.

This informant continues to participate daily in Communist activities in the Pittsburgh Area. He also continues to furnish detailed type-written reports daily to this office regarding his numerous Communist connections. At the present time CVETIC is the National Chairman of the Slovenian American National Council, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief in Western Pennsylvania, a delegate to the American Slav Congress, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania District #5, and on the Executive Committee of the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania District #5.

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CVETIC was on the Arrangements Committee for the Communist Veterans' Banquet which was held Sunday, January 20, 1946. He attended a conference of the Communist Party functionaries of the Pittsburgh District on Sunday, January 13, 1946. He attended a meeting of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, January 26, 1946. He reported on a meeting of the Slovenian American National Council which was held in Pittsburgh January 27, 1946. On February 3, 1946, the Slovene Communists held a Slovene Day Meeting in Pittsburgh. He attended this meeting. On Sunday, February 3, he also reported on a conference of the leading Serbian Communists in this area which was held in the Fort Pitt Hotel. This meeting was also attended by STEVE NELSON of the National Committee. During the week of February 24, he attended a three-day conference in New York City called by the United Committee of South Slavic Americans.

The above represents only the more important meetings which he attended during the period covered by this letter. For these reasons, it is recommended that the services of this informant be continued at the same rate.

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There are enclosed herewith a report to the Croatian Women's Council by ANA DEVUNIC and a letter dated May 27, 1946 from FRANK OBLAK, and also a letter addressed "Dragi Vitkovic." It is requested that translations of the above be made, and that the originals and translations be returned to the Pittsburgh Field Division.

There is also enclosed a 39 page pamphlet, entitled, "Ustava Federativne Ljudske Republike Jugoslavije." It is requested that a translation of this pamphlet also be made, but it will not be necessary to return the original inasmuch as one is already on file in the Pittsburgh office.

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TRANSLATION FROM THE SERBO-CROATIAN

To All Committees of the Council of American Croat Women
To All Organizations Cooperating with the Council of American Croat Women
To All Active Croat Women

Dear Sisters:

As you have been informed by your representatives, the Plenum of the Council of American Croat Women has decided to recruit 5,000 new members into the clubs of the Council of American Croat Women by the end of this year. These members will pay a fee of \$2.00 per year. Of this sum 50% will remain in the treasury of the club and 50% will go to the treasury of the Central Council of American Croat Women to finance their regular expenses.

Based on the decision of the Plenum the Committee has worked out quotas for the number of new members as follows:

City	Number of Members		
New York, N.Y.	350	Sacramento, Calif.	35
Chicago, Ill.	350	Aberdeen, Wash.	15
Pittsburgh	350	Benwood, W. Va.	50
Cleveland, Ohio	300	Bellingham, Wash.	15
Detroit, Mich.	300	Brownsville, Pa.	15
Milwaukee, Wisc.	200	Campbell, Ohio	20
Gary, Ind.	200	Clairton, Pa.	25
Kansas City	200	Coverdale, Pa.	20
San Francisco, Cal.	150	Cokeburg, Pa.	10
San Pedro, Cal.	150	Ecorse, Mich.	20
St. Louis	150	Greensburg, Pa.	10
Aliquippa, Pa.	100	Hoboken, N.J.	15
Buffalo, Lacakawanna	100	Iyons, Ill.	20
Ambridge, Pa.	100	Monaca, Pa.	10
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McKeesport, Pa.	50	McKees Rocks, Pa.	25
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E. Chicago, Ill.	75	Waukegan, Ill.	20
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Seattle, Wash.	50	Trafford, Pa.	15
Tacoma, Wash.	50	Uniontown, Pa.	20
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In those cities where it is impossible to organize clubs it is possible to subscribe members who will work directly with the Central Organization or as

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supporting members. You may raise or lower the quota for your city but you must adopt some plan and some quota so that we can organize American Croat Women in all the principal cities.

Application cards have been sent out and you will receive them soon after this letter. You will keep one portion of the card and send us the other so that a membership booklet will be issued to the member.

The Central Council of American Croat Women has decided to issue pins to all the women and to all those who worked for relief to the people in the old country. The pins will not be very expensive but they will be attractive. We wish to know how many pins you will need and we ask you to make the payment for all the volunteers in your colony because it would be impossible for our treasury to bear the expense of these marks of recognition for all the colonies. These pins can be secured only by those who were active in the work and who are designated by you. For this reason we ask you to let us know how many such pins you need.

The following American Croat Women, well known in the work of the Council of American Croat Women, have been selected by the Plenum for the National Committee of the Council of American Croat Women:

Zlata Goranin, New York: Vice President
Ana Dobijash, Detroit: Vice President
Mrs. Mandic, Bessemer, Pa.: Vice President
Angeline Uvodich, Oakmont, Pa.: Member of the Executive Committee
Mrs. Ana Vucich, Rural Ridge, Pa.: Member of the Executive Committee
Katarina Trdina, Etna, Pa.: Member of the Executive Committee
Ana Spohar, Pittsburgh, Pa.: Member of the Executive Committee
Katarina Gugic, Pittsburgh, Pa.: Member of the Executive Committee
Mrs. Milka Robash, Pittsburgh: Member of the Executive Committee
Louise Mocvan, Etna, Pa.: Member of the Executive Committee

Rosemary Poldrugach from Gary, Indiana, former Acting President, was unanimously elected President of the Central Council of American Croat Women.

Mary Baron from McKeesport, Pennsylvania, who has been Temporary Treasurer, was elected Treasurer.

The Plenum decided that since Secretary Devunic will soon visit Yugoslavia (at her own expense), she will be given the authority to extend the greetings of the Council of American Croat Women to the Anti-Fascist Front of Women of Croatia and Yugoslavia and to Marshal Tito. The Committee will decide what gifts are to be taken there at the same time.

On the basis of this the Committee decided to send the following articles:

To the Anti-Fascist Front of the Women of Croatia: Album, with the pictures of our women in various colonies, especially in those where work is done for relief to the people in the old country; the photographs must not be more than 9 by 10 inches. All photographs must be submitted by June 15.

It was also decided to send to the Anti-Fascist Front of Women a subscription to their newspapers:

Croatian: "Zena u Borbi" (Woman in War) \$3.00 per year
Slovenian "Nasa Zena" (Our Woman) \$3.00 per year
Serbian: "Zena Danas" (Woman Today) \$3.00 per year

The money from these subscriptions will be used by the women in the old country for establishing children's homes in Yugoslavia. Each colony is requested to help in this way to establish children's homes in Yugoslavia and they are asked to read these newspapers in order to see how the women work. Canton, Ohio, has already sent in subscriptions. What will your city do?

The Committee decided to send Marshal Tito an album containing letters of our active women in each colony. These letters will contain greetings to him and they will speak of the activity of the colonies, of the relief which each colony is giving for their struggles and ideals, etc. The letters must be on white stationery 5½ by 7 inches, written on one side only and one page only for each person.

All letters, photographs and subscriptions must be received here not later than June 15. See to it that your colony will do what is expected of you, for this is an expression of our respect and love for all that they suffered, not only for themselves, but also for us.

Cordial sisterly greetings,

For the Central Council of
American Croat Women

S/ Ana Devunic

Secretary

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TRANSLATION FROM SLOVENIAN

Cleveland, May 14, 1946

Dear Vitkovic,

Friend Svelc asked me to answer in his name the letter which you wrote him last week. At the same time I am answering the one which you wrote to me and whose contents are known to the other friends also.

We believe that it would be very necessary to have a conference. There has come about a rather peculiar situation among Slovenians and it looks as though this situation will become even more complicated. It is not only a question of SANC even though this looks to be the most important. We cannot forget other problems. Among us there is in general no interest for what is happening at "Prosveta" and at "Proletarec". Among the socialists there has come about a very evident division. Molek is now trying to organize "the old guard" to attack Tito's Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union and communists. So, he is trying to follow the old program. On the other hand, the group of socialists around Garden, Vider, Zajc, etc., is achieving its preorientation in a completely radical manner. In the last issue of "Proletarec" they are already taking the stand that cooperation is necessary between socialists and communists and they indicate that they favor a joint program. I was offered a position with "Proletarec" although it is clear to them how I stand. I believe that friend Cvetic should take a little more interest in these matters. I see a very good opportunity to come to an understanding between us and these, let us call them "progressive", socialists. I believe that they would accept this solution willingly for in this way they would be able to ignore the loss of the deserters (Molek, Pogorelec, etc.). Besides, almost everyday they receive letters in which subscribers cancel their subscriptions to the "Proletarec", because it is no longer socialistic but communistic...We alone will not be able to attain anything here. If we set up a unified program with the socialists we would create unity among Slovenians and we would be able to achieve something. The program of the "Proletarec" is now very favorable for such a union. They are supporting Tito's Yugoslavia, they are not attacking the Soviet Union, they are not attacking communists -- what else do we want? Let Cvetic think about this matter. Perhaps something can be done.

Now it is important to see how we stand. I believe that the SANC has no will to go into political activity. I have the impression that certain people around headquarters have become frightened. The end of work of the only Slovenian political organization is being justified with the statement that relief activity will no longer be necessary. But what about political activity? Of course, they do not talk about that. We must prepare ourselves for the dissolution of SANC. It is impossible to undertake anything to prevent this dissolution. The decision has been made and in any case even if there were a formal protest and if it were possible to block the decision about dissolution, the majority of the committeemen and officials would resign and we would be in the same position.

Things at "Prosveta" are boiling. Molek is trying in all ways to get the organization SNPJ (Slovene National Benefit Society) into the reactionary camp.

He is trying to create division and confusion. He has the support of the stronger reactionaries. In this matter we ought to do something also. I am surprised that you sent no letter to "Prosveta" and that you took no part in a discussion about the policies of the paper. I sent in one letter and I believe that it would be a good idea if someone else raised his voice.

So, you see, there is something new among us every week. One thing is certain: there is division among us socialists and it would be our duty to support the progressive group with all our force. Perhaps we could arrange a joint meeting? Ask Cvetic what he thinks. I hope that I will receive the answer (if I do receive it at all) quicker than the last one. In the meantime I shall try to establish contact with the socialists, especially Medvescek, Filipic, Cesen, etc., if you will also be in favor of this suggestion to establish a joint program with the socialists -- the progressives, of course.

With friendly greetings,

Ivan Bostjancich

TRANSLATION FROM SLOVENIAN

SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL
Branch #3, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 27, 1946

Dear brother:

After a considerable period of time you are cordially invited to take part again in a meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch #3 of SANC. The meeting will be held on Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 P.M., in the Slovene Hall.

The same day there will also be an important meeting for the Fourth Slovene Day. You will naturally be interested in this because on this depends our reputation and we must arouse the American public through popular demonstrations to show us that respect which belongs to us as American citizens.

Among American Slovenians and especially in the American public, SANC has contributed much to acquaint the world with the just demand that Trieste and all Slovenian regions should again and forever be united to their mother land, Slovenia. This struggle is not yet at an end, but we hope that sooner or later justice will win over injustice.

Do not forget to come to both important meetings on June 2!

With fraternal greetings

Frank Oblak, Secretary

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Translator's Note:

The 39-page pamphlet entitled "USTAVA Federativne Ljudske Republike Jugoslavije" is the Constitution of Democratic Federative Yugoslavia. The text is in Slovenian. It is published by the Slovene American National Council, 3935 West 26th Street, Chicago 23, Illinois.

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33 TO PAY EXPENSES INFORMANT, APPROXIMATELY SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS, NINETY FIVE CENTS,
 MEETING CLEVELAND JUNE SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 5, 1946

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE

INFORMANT [REDACTED]

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In our letter dated October 15, 1945, the Bureau was notified that this informant was voted as Chairman of a Slovenian Communist group which met at Cleveland, Ohio, September 30, 1945. In effect, this meant that the informant would be the leader of the Slovenian Communist movement throughout this country. On September 9, 1945, the informant had conferred with [REDACTED] in Washington, D.C., and the strategy to be followed by the Slovenian Communists in the future was then agreed upon.

The second meeting of the Slovenian Communist leaders has been called by the informant for June 16 and 17 in Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting place has not yet been decided upon. In a letter dated May 16, 1946, STEVE NELSON, Chairman of the Nationality Group Commission work of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, which was addressed to this informant, NELSON stressed the importance of this meeting as well as his reliance upon the informant for the meeting's success. It is not known at this time whether NELSON will attend the meeting, but other outstanding Communists from Cleveland, Ohio, Chicago, Illinois, Detroit, Michigan, Ecorse, Michigan, New York City, Brooklyn, New York, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, are expected to attend. TONY MINERICH, Editor of the Croatian Communist daily newspaper, "Narodni Glasnik" will attend.

It is requested that the Bureau authorize this informant to spend three days in Cleveland at government expense. Following the meeting, a detailed list of expenditures will be sent to the Bureau. However, it is believed that the following tentative statement of expenses will cover his trip:

One round-trip, first-class train ticket	\$3.95
Hotel for three nights	15.00
Meals for three days	15.00
Misc. expenses for taxis, literature and donations, telephone and telegrams	5.00
Entertainment, food, drinks for the various delegates	20.00
Total:	\$64.95

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MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL
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Reference is made to your letter dated June 5, 1946, furnishing a summary of the activity of this informant and recommending his continuance with the same rate of compensation.

Based upon the productivity and reliability of this informant, authority is given to continuing payments to him at the rate of \$50 per week for an additional period of three months effective June 12, 1946. The informant as leader of the Slovenian Communists is undoubtedly becoming more and more prominent in Communist affairs not only on a local but a national scale. He is well regarded by functionaries Steve Nelson and Roy Hudson and no opportunity should be overlooked to attempt to place Cvetic in a position close to the National Committee of the Communist Party.

You are aware of the Bureau's interest in attempting to place an informant on the National Committee and Cvetic appears to be in a very good position to attain that goal. The possibility should be kept in mind at all times in order that the ultimate on coverage of Communist matters on a national scale may be provided.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: June 5, 1946

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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ON 7/13/01SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT [REDACTED]

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 15, 1946 which granted authority to pay this informant at the rate of \$50.00 per week for a period of three months beginning March 12, 1946. This informant continues to participate daily in Communist activities in the Pittsburgh area and to furnish detailed typewritten reports daily to this office regarding his Communist connections.

At the present time, CVETIC is a national leader of the Slovenian American National Council, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief in Western Pennsylvania, and a delegate to the American Slav Congress. He has been given the responsibility of handling the finances for the District by ROY HUDSON and is setting up a budget system for Western Pennsylvania District No. 5. He is on the Executive Committee of the Lawrenceville Club but upon the advice of Agents of this office, he declined to accept an office in this club because it was felt that his activities could be better directed elsewhere.

MATTHEW CVETIC was in charge of the Organization Committee for a banquet on April 27, 1946, sponsored by the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania to honor LEO KRZYCKI, the National President, at which 389 persons were present.

CVETIC has been made Chairman of the Arrangements Committee of the Communist Party picnic which is to be held July 21, 1946. He is also in complete charge of a meeting which is to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 16, 1946, of the Slovenian National Beneficial Union, which meeting will probably be attended by STEVE NELSON of the National Committee.

Attached herewith is a self-explanatory letter dated May 16, 1946, directed to CVETIC from STEVE NELSON, which was sent in care of ROY HUDSON, District Organizer District No. 5. This letter was read aloud by ROY HUDSON at the last meeting of the Nationality Group Commission and this naturally enhanced the popularity and importance of the informant in the eyes of all the Communists in attendance and was especially appreciated by ROY HUDSON.

For the above reasons, it is recommended that the services of this informant be continued at the same rate.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.

National Office

35 East 12th Street . New York 3, N. Y. . Telephone: ALgonquin 4-2215

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May 16, 1946.

Matt Cvetick,
c/o Roy Hudson

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Dear Matt:

I met with a number of your Slovenian friends in Detroit. Recently we recruited about 10 Slovene workers in Detroit.

I had a short meeting with them and they impressed me as very good guys. In a conversation with them they told me that you had planned to call a meeting of the Slovenian comrades in Cleveland, Sunday, June 2nd. I assume therefore that you have sent invitations out to your contacts in other cities as well. If you have already sent out a notice, please follow through and write to all your other contacts whom you expect to have there. Don't depend on any work being done by me to mobilize for the conference, first because I have been out of town, and even now, I am not sure whether we had called a conference and secondly, because I have very few contacts with the Slovene comrades. Therefore the arrangements will be up to you.

While I was in Cleveland the District Nationality Commission recommended that a national conference be called in the city of Cleveland at some future date. At least this part of the decision fits in with what I understand to be your plan.

Please write me immediately whether or not you are going through with your conference, and if you have taken the first steps toward having one of them, I strongly urge you to go through with it because of an urgent need to have one before the national convention of the S.N.E.J.

When I see you I will tell you about the experience I had with some of the leading members of this organization while I was in Chicago. (This shall remain between you and myself.) The Detroit Secretary of our group is Martin Cetinski, [redacted] Mich. You should communicate with him about your plans for the national conference. He is a very good guy. Let us hear from you how the plans are for your conference and what recommendations you have to us.

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Yours, ENCLOSURE

Steve Nelson

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TO : The Director

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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DATE: June 10, 1946

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Miss Beahm	
Miss Gandy	

The Pittsburgh Field Division has advised that the informant, who is the leader of the Slovenian Communist movement in this country, has called a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, of the Slovenian Communist leaders for June 16 and 17, 1946. Steve Nelson, Chairman of the Nationality Group Commission work of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, in a letter to the informant, stressed the importance of this meeting, as well as reliance upon the informant for the meeting's success. Outstanding Communists from the East and Midwest are expected to attend and Pittsburgh has requested authority to pay the informant his expenses, amounting to approximately \$64.95.

This informant participates daily in Communist activities in the Pittsburgh area and furnishes detailed reports to the Pittsburgh Office concerning numerous Communist connections. At the present time he is National Chairman of the Slovenian-American National Council, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief in Western Pennsylvania, a delegate to the American Slav Congress, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania District No. 5, and on the Executive Committee of the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania District No. 5.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the productivity and reliability of this informant and his high standing among Communist leaders, it is recommended that authority be given to Pittsburgh to pay his expenses of about \$64.95 for the proposed meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, of Slovenian Communist leaders on June 16 and 17, 1946. There is attached for your approval a teletype to Pittsburgh granting the necessary authorization.

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Transmit the following message to:

CNDI- [REDACTED] REURTEL JUNE TWENTY THREE INSTANT. AUTHORITY

GRANTED TO PAY EXPENSES OF INFORMANT APPROXIMATELY FIFTY DOLLARS FOR HIS TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY AND ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF. SUBMIT DETAILED EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND ADVISE BUREAU OF ALL PERTINENT RESULTS DEVELOPED.

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ROUTINE

CNDI- [] HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO NEW YORK CITY FOR A FOUR DAY CONFERENCE BY AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAV RELIEF JUNE TWENTY SIX TO TWENTY NINE FORTY SIX. INFORMANT EXPECTS TO MEET WITH ZLATKO BALOKOVICH, LOUIS ADAMIC, ANN TRAVEN, STEVE NELSON AND OTHER COMMUNIST PARTY FUNCTIONARIES. TRANSPORTATION AND HOTEL TO BE PAID BY AMERICAN COMMITTEE. AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO REIMBURSE INFORMANT FOR OTHER EXPENSES INCLUDING ENTERTAINMENT OF PARTY LEADERS, AMOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY FIFTY DOLLARS. A DETAILED EXPENSE ACCOUNT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU UPON HIS RETURN.

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cc: Mr. Donohue

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's coding systems.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~The Director~~

DATE: June 24, 1946

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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SUBJECT:

MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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The Pittsburgh Office has advised that the captioned informant, a leader in the Slovenian Communist movement in the United States, has been summoned to New York City for a four-day conference by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief for the period June 26 to 29, 1946. It will be recalled that this informant has close affiliations with ranking Communist functionaries. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

The informant expects to meet with prominent Communist functionaries including Zlatko Balokovich and Steve Nelson as well as such people as Louis Adamic and Anne Traven. While his transportation and hotel expenses are to be paid by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, the Pittsburgh Office has requested authority to reimburse this informant for ~~other~~ expenses which will include the entertainment of Party leaders. These expenses will amount to approximately \$50. The Pittsburgh Office has stated that if authority is granted for this payment, a detailed expense account will be submitted.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the relative importance of this informant, I recommend that approval be granted for the payment of the sum of \$50 to cover the expenses in entertaining Party leaders. Through this medium, the informant can undoubtedly elicit valuable information.

If you concur, there is attached for your approval a teletype to Pittsburgh granting authority to the Pittsburgh Office to pay the expenses which will amount to approximately \$50. It will be noted that the Pittsburgh Office is requested to submit a detailed expense account.

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ROUTINE

Transmit the following message to:

MATTHEW CVETIC, ONDI

REURLET JULY SEVENTEEN.

AUTHORITY GRANTED PAYMENT EXPENSES APPROXIMATELY FIFTY DOLLARS INFORMANT
MEETING AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, CLEVELAND, JULY TWENTYSEVEN, TWENTYEIGHT.
SUBMIT DETAILED EXPENSE ACCOUNT AND ADVISE BUREAU ALL PERTINENT RESULTS
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cc - Mr. Lee (Room 3537)

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TO : Director, FBI

Limited Classification

DATE: July 17, 1946

FROM : SAC Pittsburgh

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT: MATTHEW OVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT []

(Bureau File #66-2542)

The National Committee of the American Slav Congress is to hold a meeting in Cleveland, Ohio on July 27 and 28, 1946.

In view of his personal familiarity with the leaders of the American Slav movement in this country it is suggested that [] be permitted to attend this meeting at Bureau expense. Following the meeting a detailed list of expenditures will be sent to the Bureau. However, it is believed that the following tentative statement of expenses will cover his trip:

One round-trip, first-class train ticket	\$ 9.95
Hotel for two nights	10.00
Meals for two days	10.00
Miscellaneous expenses	2.50
Entertainment, food, drinks for the various delegates	15.00
	<u>\$ 47.45</u>

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J. Callahan
(pm 3537)

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SAC, Pittsburgh PERSONAL ATTENTION

July 26, 1946

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Director, FBI

MATTHEW CVETIC;
Confidential National Defense Informant ☐Limited Classification
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Reference is made to your letter dated July 17, 1946, in which you advised that the informant has requested additional remuneration and it was recommended that the salary be increased from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per week effective August 1, 1946.

As mentioned in reference letter, the value of the informant to the Bureau is well known, but in requesting payments to any regular informant a summary should always be provided setting forth the current information of value being submitted by the informant which is the basis for his continuance. In the case of this informant, however, it is noted that a recent letter from your office of June 5, 1946, set forth his current activity as National Leader of the Slovenian American National Council and his connection with the American Slav Congress. Cvetic is well regarded by high Communist Party functionaries and based upon his continued ability to provide extremely valuable information on Communist matters authority is given to pay him the sum of \$60.00 per week on a regular basis for a period of three months, effective August 1, 1946. This increase in compensation to Cvetic should be used by your office as an inducement to him to continue to progress in his contacts in the Party with the object in mind of ultimately placing him on the National Committee.

Two weeks prior to the expiration of this authorized period you should submit an informative summary and your personal recommendation concerning the informant's continuance.

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DATE 7/12/01 BY 39003 dls/bce/lbb

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT
 (Bureau File #66-2542)

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DATE: July 17, 1946

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Mr. Tolson.....
 Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
 Mr. Clegg.....
 Mr. Glavin.....
 Mr. Ladd.....
 Mr. Rosen.....
 Mr. Tracy.....
 Mr. Carson.....
 Mr. Egan.....
 Mr. Gurnea.....
 Mr. Harbo.....
 Mr. Hendon.....
 Mr. Pennington.....
 Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
 Mr. Nease.....

Reference is made to Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated June 5, 1946 in which the recent accomplishments of this informant are enumerated.

CVETIC has requested additional remuneration which he feels is necessary and deserves in view of the expanding scope of his activity. The value of this informant to the Bureau is well known. In order that his interest may be maintained and his progress continued it is recommended that the amount of his remuneration be increased to \$60.00 a week effective August 1.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

October 22, 1946

SAC, Pittsburgh

Director, FBI

100-372409-35

WATSON, VETIC

Confidential National

Defense Informant

Your file 67-2584

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 11/14/01 BY 3043/kl/bc

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In view of the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of October 15, 1946, authorization is granted to pay this informant at the rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning November 15, 1946.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Two weeks prior to the expiration of this authorized period you should submit an informative summary and your personal recommendation concerning the informant's continuance.

cc - Mr. Lee (Room 3535)

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

Limited Classification DATE: October 15, 1946

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT []

Bureau File 66-2542

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 26, 1946 authorizing the Pittsburgh Field Division to continue this informant three months, effective August 1, 1946. This informant attended the National Committee meeting of the American-Slav Congress in the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, July 27, July 28, 1946. At this meeting about fifty leading communists met to discuss plans for the Third American-Slav Congress scheduled to be held September 20, 21, and 22, 1946. Those in attendance included LEO KRZYCKI, national president of the American-Slav Congress, and GEORGE PIRINSKY, national executive secretary of the American-Slav Congress. A complete report of the business at the meeting was made available to the Pittsburgh Field Division by CVETIC.

On August 4, 1946 STANE KRASOVEC, representative of the Federated Republic of Yugoslavia and the one who represented his government at the San Francisco United Nations Conference, and good will ambassador to the United States, spent three days in Pittsburgh as a guest of the Slovenes in Pittsburgh vicinity and was principal speaker at the Slovene Day picnic in West View Park, which was attended by approximately five thousand Slovenes. All arrangements for his visit were made by Confidential Informant [] and they were in constant company during his stay in Pittsburgh.

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The informant is associated with the following organizations in the capacity listed:

Executive Secretary, A.C.Y.R.; Chairman, National Slovenian Section, A.C.P.U.S.A.; member of National Committee, American-Slav Congress; Acting Secretary, American-Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania; member Slovenian American National Council; member of Executive Committee Lawrenceville Branch, C.P. of W. Pa.; member of Finance Committee of C.P. of Western Pennsylvania; member of Organizational Educational Committee of C.P. of W. Pa.; president, American Slovenian Civic League of Western Pennsylvania; member of Language Commission, C.P. of W. Pa. As a result of his being affiliated with these organizations and committees, he is able to furnish the Pittsburgh Office with daily typewritten reports covering a large part of the Communist picture in this district.

This informant covered the Third American-Slav Congress meeting at Madison Square Garden, New York, on September 20, 21, and 22 and October 30, 1946 with Special Agents H. W. LITTLE and W. T. MARCHESSAULT of the New York Office during his stay in New York. SA LITTLE stated that the agent who handled CVETIC stated that the cooperation of the informant was excellent, that he was prompt in keeping his appointments, and was successful in obtaining information pertinent to the investigation of that case.

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In view of these facts it is requested that this informant be authorized to continue for a period of three months, beginning November 1, 1946 as an informant to be paid \$60.00 weekly.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

SAC, Pittsburgh

January 23, 1947

Director, FBI

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MATTHEW CVETIC

Confidential National

Defense Informant

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In view of the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of January 17, 1947, authorization is granted to pay this informant at the rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning February 1, 1947.

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DATE 7/12/01 BY 39063elw/le/115b

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Egan _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Pennington _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gandy _____

JDD:del

cc Mr. Callahan (room 3535)

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United States Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Post Office Box Number 1525

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

January 17, 1947

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FILE NO. 67-2584



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Director, FBI

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DECLASSIFIED BY 3403 elw/bce/100
ON 7/12/01

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT
(Bureau file #66-2542)

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau memorandum dated October 22, 1946 which granted authority to pay this informant at the rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning November 1, 1946.

Since the latter date this informant has continued daily participation in Communist activities in the Pittsburgh area and submits frequent detailed typewritten reports concerning same. At the present time, in addition to his association with the Communist Party and the several front organizations mentioned in memorandum from this office to the Bureau dated October 15, 1946, informant has become Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania. He accepted this position when the local office of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief with which he was formerly connected was closed in November 1946. In his new position informant is able to furnish excellent coverage of the American Slav Congress and its affiliations with the Communist Party. He has recently furnished much data regarding the Third Western Pennsylvania Conference of the American Slav Congress which is to be held at the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. on February 23, 1947.

In addition the informant has furnished complete details concerning the following Communist activities in Pittsburgh since November 1, 1946:

- 5 meetings of the Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party, USA, District 5;
- 3 meetings of the Lawrenceville Branch, Communist Party;
- 1 meeting of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans held 11-8-46;
- A Communist sponsored BEN DAVIS, JR. meeting held on 11-13-46;
- 1 District #5, Communist Party Committee meeting held on 11-24-46;
- 1 Communist Party District #5 Buro held on 12-14-46.

This informant continues to have daily contacts with Communist Party leaders in this area and is therefore able to report on current Communist Party policy trends. In addition he furnishes this office with volumes of the Communist Party and Communist Party front literature issued both nationally and locally.

In view of these facts, it is requested that this informant's services be continued at the present rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning February 1, 1947.

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Very truly yours,
F. A. FLETCHER, SAC

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SAC, Pittsburgh

March 14, 1947

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EX-48

MATTHEW CVETIC

Confidential National Defense

Informant, [redacted]

(Your File 67-2584)

Reference is made to your letter dated March 1, 1947, in which you furnished information indicating that this informant had disclosed his identity to not only his girl friend, but also admitted that three other unauthorized persons knew of his service to the Bureau. Cvetic stated that about five years ago he advised his oldest brother and his girl friend of his work with the Bureau and his girl friend, in turn, told her mother and father. The informant has requested that in order to clear himself with the aforementioned persons that they be contacted and his connection with the Bureau confirmed.

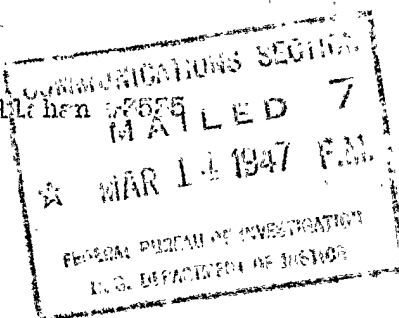
In view of the fact that this informant has disclosed the confidential relationship existing between him and the Bureau, his services are no longer desired. You should so advise Cvetic as soon as possible and he will no longer be considered as a confidential informant.

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DATE 7/12/01 BY 39003elw/bel/lbb

CC Mr. Callahan 48875



Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Ladd _____
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United States Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

March 1, 1947

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 67-2584

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Director, FBI

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Form 4-774

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
Confidential National Defense Informant, [redacted]
Bureau File 66-2542. b7D

Dear Sir:

On February 28, 1947, the above captioned informant telephonically contacted Special Agent [redacted] of this office, who had contacted the informant on previous occasions relative to the crime survey, as the informant is familiar with gambling establishments and individuals in the Pittsburgh area connected with gambling. The informant advised Agent [redacted] that he was going to Washington, D. C., on March 1, 1947, for recreational purposes and would return to Pittsburgh on March 3, 1947. During the conversation he requested that in his absence from Pittsburgh he wanted Agent [redacted] to talk to his girlfriend. Arrangements were immediately made for Special Agents [redacted] and LAWRENCE E. THOMPSON to personally contact the informant relative to this unusual request. When questioned by Agents THOMPSON and [redacted] CVETIC admitted that his girlfriend knew of his work as an informant with the Bureau. He also admitted that three other unauthorized persons knew of his services to the Bureau. These three persons are his oldest brother and the father and mother of his girlfriend. The informant indicated that approximately five years ago he advised his oldest brother and his girlfriend of his work for the Bureau. The girlfriend, in turn, told her mother and father. There is no indication that any of the four persons allegedly familiar with the informant's services to the Bureau had divulged the information to other persons. Agents [redacted] and THOMPSON forcibly brought to the informant's attention that it was contrary to instructions when he divulged his confidential connection with the Bureau to the unauthorized persons indicated above, and that no other individuals under any circumstances could be advised of his work for the Bureau.

The informant stated that his girlfriend was presently engaged to another man; that this last mentioned individual was well regarded by the parents of the girlfriend, and that he, the informant, was not well regarded by the girl's parents as they had CVETIC "tagged as a Communist."

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Letter to the Director
From Pittsburgh, 3/1/47

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC, ONDI [redacted]
Bur. 66-2542

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He further advised that the girlfriend was anxious to terminate her relations with her fiancé and resume affiliations with the informant. The latter says that he is in love with the girl and wants to marry her. He is of the opinion that when the girl advises her parents and her fiancé of her intentions, the parents may divulge informant's connection with the Bureau to the present fiancé. He requested that for the sake of security the parents and girlfriend be contacted; that his connection with the Bureau be confirmed, and that these unauthorized persons be pledged to secrecy. It is probable that the informant has requested this action to be taken by the representatives of the Bureau in order that his reputation with the girl's parents might be improved. CVETIC was forcibly advised that the girl and her parents could not be contacted by Agents of this Bureau.

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The only information known as to the identity of the girlfriend is that her name is [redacted] and that she is employed as a Cashier in Stouffer's Restaurant, 531 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh. The names of the girl's parents, her fiancé, and CVETIC's oldest brother are not known.

The names and addresses of [redacted] her parents, and the informant's oldest brother will be obtained from the informant. No contact will be made by Agents of this office with [redacted] her parents, or the informant's oldest brother in the absence of instructions to the contrary from the Bureau as such contact would confirm the informant's statements that his services are being utilized by the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

F. A. Fletcher

F. A. FLETCHER, SAC

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SAC, Pittsburgh

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March 27, 1947

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PATHEK CVETIC

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT

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EX-62

Reference is made to your letter dated March 17, 1947, indicating the value of this informant to your coverage of Communist and Slavic matters. The Bureau's letter of March 14, 1947, stated that the informant's services were no longer desired since he had disclosed the confidential relationship existing between he and the Bureau.

It is apparent that the discontinuance of this informant will result in a serious loss to your coverage of the aforementioned activities, and based upon your personal recommendation, he may be retained on a trial basis for a period of three months. Cvetic should be told in no uncertain terms that the Bureau will not countenance the disclosure of his relationship to anyone, and he is to advise you whether he has disclosed that he is an informant to anyone else other than the four persons mentioned in your letter of March 1, 1947.

No approach is to be made to the four individuals who have been apprised of Cvetic's activities as stated in your letter of March 1, 1947, but you should obtain their names from him and search your files to ascertain whether any derogatory information is available. If any information is revealed which you feel would jeopardize the informant, the Bureau should be advised.

The continuance of Cvetic on this trial basis is contingent upon your being assured by him that he will keep in close contact with your office and not divulge his relationship to anyone. He may be retained at the same salary as in the past, and two weeks prior to the expiration of the trial period, you are to personally review his productivity, attitude and reliability and submit a summary thereof to the Bureau. Consideration will then be given as to whether Cvetic should be continued from that time.

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DATE 7/12/01 BY 3903 Bclw/bcl/bs

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Beahm	
Miss Gandy	

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 3
APR 1 - 1947 P.M.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : J. K. MUMFORD *JKM*

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

DATE: March 15, 1947

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
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Miss Gandy _____

SAC Fletcher, Pittsburgh, called with reference to Bureau letter of March 14, 1947, in which he was instructed to discontinue the services of the above-named confidential informant. He pointed out that the danger of this informant was fully appreciated by Pittsburgh and that's why they had written us in the first instance, but that Pittsburgh felt his services are so valuable that this is a calculated risk we should seriously consider before ordering discontinuance.

Mr. Fletcher explained that, as is well-known, this informant has extremely wide and reliable coverage on all Slavs, including numerous nationality groups who come into or operate in Pittsburgh. He states that equivalent coverage could not be effected by the assignment of three or more Agents even. He further points out that the informant's parents and girl friend have undoubtedly known of his relationship with the Bureau for many years and he therefore feels that the risk of embarrassment is no greater now than it has been at any time in the past. He states they have "taken off the kid gloves" in dealing with Cvetic and believe that by handling him on an uncompromising basis, they can continue to receive the advantage of his coverage without any increased risk of embarrassment.

ACTION:

I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that if he is willing to set forth and assume the responsibility, we will be glad to have him submit a detailed letter setting forth all the mitigating and other circumstances for our reconsideration. He stated he would submit a detailed letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE: 3/17/47

FROM : *FAJ* SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT

Bureau File No. 66-2542

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Reference is made to your letter dated March 14, 1947 in regard to the discontinuance of the services of the above captioned informant and to my telephone conversation with Mr. MUMFORD in this matter.

The above captioned informant is associated with the following organizations in the capacity listed:

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- Executive Secretary, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief
- Chairman, National Slovenian Section, Communist Party, USA.
- Member of National Committee, American Slav Congress.
- Executive Secretary, American Slav Congress of Western Pa.
- Member, Slovenian American National Council.
- Executive Chairman, Lawrenceville Communist Club, District #5, Communist Party
- Member of Finance Committee of District #5, Communist Party
- Member of Organizational, Educational Committee, District #5, Communist Party
- President, American Slovenian Civic League of Western Pa.
- Member of Language Commission, District #5, Communist Party

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CVETIC is extremely valuable to the Bureau and the Pittsburgh Office because of his connection with and knowledge of the various language groups listed above. He enjoys the confidence of national and local functionaries in these organizations. When any of the national figures visit Pittsburgh, the informant is one of the first persons contacted. On most occasions the informant makes the entire arrangements for their visits. He is the intermediary between these individuals and ROY HUDSON, Chairman of District No. 5, Communist Party. It would be impossible to replace this informant in the foreign language field in this area. In the event his services were discontinued, this action would necessitate continuous surveillances on the part of the Pittsburgh Office to ascertain the contacts and reasons for visits of national functionaries in the foreign language field. The informant can advise not only of the purpose of the visits but also can inform as to their indirect contacts with leading Communist functionaries in this district. In the majority of cases, surveillances by agents would not be nearly as productive as inquiries made of the informant.

CVETIC is a confidant of ROY HUDSON, Chairman, District No. 5, Communist Party, and obtains valuable information concerning the Communist activities in this area. He submits written reports daily covering the activities of various language groups and the Communists in Pittsburgh. All prosecutive summary reports being submitted by the Pittsburgh Office include this informant as a witness for pertinent evidence.

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ON 7/12/01

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In view of the above, the action requested in Bureau letter of March 14, 1947 is being held in abeyance as it is thought that the Bureau may desire to reconsider the situation, insofar as it concerns this informant, who because of the peculiarity of his connection with the Communist Party and its participation in the language groups movement, makes him irreplaceable. It is requested that the Bureau advise this office of its desires in this matter.

LET:KRW
67-2584

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

Limited Classification

DATE: March 27, 1947

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT

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Mr. Tolson
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Miss Gandy

It will be recalled that the Pittsburgh Field Division in a letter dated March 1, 1947, furnished information indicating that Matthew Cvetic, a reliable confidential informant on Slavic matters, had divulged his connection with the Bureau to his girl friend, his oldest brother and the father and mother of his girl friend. It appeared that about five years ago Cvetic advised his oldest brother and girl friend of his work with the Bureau, who in turn told her father and mother. There is no indication that any of these persons divulged the information. Cvetic also indicated that his girl friend's family considered him a Communist in view of his associations, and that for the sake of security and clearing him they be contacted and his connection with the Bureau be confirmed.

On the basis of the fact that Cvetic disclosed his confidential relationship, the Pittsburgh Office was advised on March 14, 1947 to terminate his services. The Pittsburgh Office under date of March 17, 1947, has requested the Bureau to reconsider the situation concerning this informant in view of his connections with the Communist Party and the foreign language groups.

Value of Informant in Coverage of Communist Party and Slavic Matters

The Pittsburgh Office advised that Cvetic is a confidant of Roy Hudson, Chairman of District No. 5, and obtains valuable information concerning Communist activities in that area. He submits written reports daily covering the activities of various language groups and the Communists in Pittsburgh. All prosecutive summary reports submitted by the Pittsburgh Office include him as a witness for pertinent evidence. The informant is associated with the following organizations in the capacities listed:

- Executive Secretary, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief
- Chairman, National Slovenian Section, Communist Party, USA
- Member of National Committee, American Slav Congress
- Executive Secretary, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania
- Member, Slovenian American National Council
- Executive Chairman, Lawrenceville Communist Club, District No. 5, Communist Party
- Member of Finance Committee of District No. 5, Communist Party
- Member of Organizational, Educational Committee, District No. 5, Communist Party
- President, American Slovenian Civic League of Western Pennsylvania
- Member of Language Commission, District No. 5, Communist Party

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Cvetic is extremely valuable to the Bureau and the Pittsburgh Office because of his connection with and knowledge of the various language groups listed above. He enjoys the confidence of national and local functionaries in these organizations. When any of the national figures visit Pittsburgh, the informant is one of the first persons contacted. On most occasions the informant makes the entire arrangements for their visits. He is the intermediary between these individuals and Roy Hudson, Chairman of District No. 5, Communist Party. It would be impossible to replace this informant in the foreign language field in this area. In the event his services were discontinued, this action would necessitate continuous surveillances on the part of the Pittsburgh Office to ascertain the contacts and reasons for visits of national functionaries in the foreign language field. The informant can advise not only of the purpose of the visits but also can inform as to their indirect contacts with leading Communist functionaries in this district. In the majority of cases, surveillances by agents would not be nearly as productive as inquiries made of the informant.

In view of the extreme value of the services of Cvetic, it is recommended that the Bureau reconsider its decision in that the same coverage in the opinion of the SAC could not be effected by three or more Special Agents. SAC Fletcher also advised that they have "taken off the kid gloves" in dealing with Cvetic and believe that by handling him on an uncompromising basis, they can continue to receive the advantage of his coverage without any increased risk of embarrassment.

RECOMMENDATION:

The SAC at Pittsburgh has advised that Matthew Cvetic will continue to provide extremely valuable coverage on Communist and Slavic matters in the Pittsburgh area, and in the opinion of the SAC, Cvetic will not reveal his connection with the Bureau again.

There is no doubt that the coverage afforded by Cvetic cannot be equalled by one or two or more Agents. It is suggested that the dismissal of Cvetic be reconsidered and, on the basis of his reliability in the past, the Pittsburgh Office be allowed to continue him on a trial basis for a period of three months. At the conclusion of this period, another recommendation should be made by the SAC in regard to the continuation of Cvetic's services.

The SAC at Pittsburgh will be instructed to advise Cvetic in no uncertain terms that the Bureau will not countenance the disclosure of his relationship to anyone, and since he has disclosed his identity to four individuals with whom he has immediately associated, no attempt be made to contact these persons to keep them quiet. There is attached a letter to Pittsburgh embodying the above.

Attachment

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DIRECTOR U R G E N T

RE MATTHEW CVETIC, ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT
[REDACTED] BUREAU FILE # 66-2545. KOSTA UNKOVICH, JUGO-SLAV CONSUL AT
PITTSBURGH HAS OFFERED [REDACTED] POSITION AS QUOTE LIAISON MAN UNQUOTE
AT \$200.00 PER MONTH AT JUGO-SLAV CONSULATE NEW YORK CITY. DUTIES
WILL BE TO HANDLE PROBLEMS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COME TO CONSULATE
REQUESTING SERVICE OR ADVICE. IF IN NEW YORK, [REDACTED] WOULD
AFFILIATE HIMSELF WITH NATIONAL OFFICE OF AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS,
UNITED COMMITTEE OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS, AND POSSIBLY WITH
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF COMMUNIST PARTY. [REDACTED] HAS ADVISED
UNKOVICH THAT HE WILL CONSIDER OFFER AND UNKOVICH IS REFERRING
[REDACTED] APPOINTMENT TO THE NEW YORK CONSULATE FOR CONSIDERATION.
PLEASE ADVISE PITTSBURGH OFFICE OF BUREAU DESIRES IN EVENT
SITUATION DEVELOPS THAT [REDACTED] MAY TAKE POSITION.

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cc: Mr. Donohue

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI, [] REURTEL FIVE-TWELVE. STATE DEPARTMENT

ADVISES NO OBJECTION USE OF CVETIC CAPACITY OUTLINED URTEL. CVETIC

SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ACCEPT POSITION YUGOSLAV CONSULATE, NEW

YORK CITY. IF HE ACCEPTS POSITION MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS IN

NEW YORK OFFICE FOR CONTINUED HANDLING INFORMANT.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

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DATE: May 13, 1947

FROM : Mr. J. C. Strickland

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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The Pittsburgh Office has advised that the above informant has been offered the position of Liaison Man at \$200 per month at the Yugoslav Consulate in New York City by Kosta Unkovich, Yugoslav Consul, Pittsburgh. Cvetic will have the duty of handling problems of individuals who come to the Consulate requesting service or advice, and if in New York, he would affiliate himself with the National Office of American Slav Congress, United Committee of South Slavic Americans, and possibly with National Headquarters of the Communist Party. Cvetic has advised Unkovich that he will consider the offer, and Unkovich is referring the appointment of Cvetic to the New York Consulate for consideration. The Pittsburgh Office desired to be advised of the Bureau's wishes in the event it develops that Cvetic may take this position.

As you know, Matthew Cvetic is a reliable paid informant of the Pittsburgh Office on Slavic matters. He is presently receiving the sum of \$60 per week. Cvetic is a confidante of Roy Hudson, Chairman of District No. 5 of the Communist Party and obtains valuable information on Communist Party activities in that area. All prosecutive summary reports submitted by the Pittsburgh Office includes Cvetic as a witness for pertinent evidence. The informant is associated with the following organizations in the capacities listed:

Executive Secretary, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief
Chairman, National Slovenian Section, Communist Party, USA
Member of National Committee, American Slav Congress
Executive Secretary, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania
Member, Slovenian American National Council
Executive Chairman, Lawrenceville Communist Club, District No. 5, Communist Party
Member of Finance Committee of District No. 5, Communist Party
Member of Organizational, Educational Committee, District No. 5, Communist Party
President, American Slovenian Civic League of Western Pennsylvania
Member of Language Commission, District No. 5, Communist Party

The services of Cvetic in Pittsburgh have been extremely valuable, and with his associations in Slavic groups, his employment in the Yugoslav Consulate whether it be in Pittsburgh or New York City, would be of inestimable value to the Bureau. It is suggested that clearance be obtained from the State Department in order that we may utilize the services of Cvetic in the event he is able to obtain employment at a Yugoslav Consulate.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to the Liaison Section and the State Department be contacted for clearance to utilize the services of Matthew Cvetic as a Bureau informant in the event he is able to obtain a position in a Yugoslav Consulate.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT
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DATE: June 11, 1947

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~SECRET~~Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the teletype from Pittsburgh to the Bureau dated 5-12-47 and teletype from the Bureau to Pittsburgh dated 5-21-47 in reference to CVETIC's appointment to a position in the Yugoslav Consulate, New York City. (S) b7D

 has advised that since the original discussion concerning the position with KOSTA UNKOVICH, Yugoslav Consul at Pittsburgh, he has heard nothing further concerning the offer and he presumes that it is still under consideration. For security reasons does not deem it advisable to make inquiry concerning the position until the offer is again mentioned by UNKOVICH. (S) u

In the event of further developments in this matter the Bureau will be immediately advised.

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SAC PITTSBURGH

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RE ONDI [] AUTHORIZATION GRANTED PAYMENT OF
EXPENSES TO EXTENT OF FIFTY DOLLARS FOR COVERAGE OF NATIONALITY
GROUP CONFERENCE NYC JUNE TWENTYONE NEXT. IN THIS REGARD
DISCREETLY INSTRUCT [] AS PER CONTENT ^{BULET} BULLETIN OF
MARCH FOUR LAST ENTITLED QUOTE OF OF YUGOSLAVIA IN THE USA
UNQUOTE. CONTENT OF CHICAGO LETTER UNDER FOREGOING TITLE DATED
JUNE SIX LAST COPIES OF WHICH WENT TO YOUR OFFICE SHOULD ALSO
BE CONSIDERED.

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cc: New York (Special Delivery)

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6-17-47

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DIRECTOR

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~~CONF. INFT.~~

MATTHEW ^①CVETIC, PITTSBURGH CNDI [REDACTED] INFORMANT INVITED
BY STEVE NELSON, NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY FUNCTIONARY, TO
ATTEND CP NATIONALITY GROUP CONFERENCE AT JUGO-SLAV CLUB,
NYC, ON JUNE 21 NEXT. MEETING WILL CONCERN THE UNITED COMMITTEE
OF SOUTH SLAVIC AMERICANS AND IS TO BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES
OF JUGO-SLAV AMBASSY. BUREAU TO AUTHORIZE INFORMANTS ATTENDANCE
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES IN AMOUNT OF FIFTY DOLLARS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: Pittsburgh, Pa.

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

July 1, 1947

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC, CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL
DEFENSE INFORMANT [REDACTED]

Bureau File No. 66-2542

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Remylet June 18, 1947. No letter authorizing continuance of services of this informant which expire July 1, 1947, has been received.

The next payment of this informant is scheduled for July 7, 1947. It is requested that the Bureau advise this office concerning services of the above informant before that date.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

July 8, 1947

Director, FBI

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NATHAN CRETIC

Confidential National

Defense Informant

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In view of the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of June 18, 1947, approval is granted to continue paying this informant at the rate of \$60 per week for a period of three months beginning July 1, 1947.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
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MAILED Mr. Callahan (3535)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6-18-47

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT []
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Rebulet 3-31-47, which authorized continuance of the above informant on a trial basis for a period of three months at the same salary (\$60.00 per week) as in the past. Since the date of referenced letter, this informant's attitude has improved immeasurably, and he is cooperating with this office to a far greater degree than in the past. He has shown a sincere desire to rectify past errors and has attended meetings of the Croatian Congress and Slovenian-American National Council held in Cleveland, Ohio on April 19-20 and May 29-31, 1947 respectively, at his own expense.

In addition to furnishing reports on the above meetings, informant has furnished complete details regarding:

Three CP City Executive Meetings, 4-9, 5-14 and 6-11-47
Two Lawrenceville CP Club Meetings, 6-3 and 6-10-47
CP Nationality Commission Meeting, 4-15-47
CP Fund Drive Roll Call Meeting, 4-19-47
American Slav Congress Executive Committee Meeting, 6-5-47
CP Legislative Committee Meeting, 6-6-47
Miscellaneous intelligence data concerning American Slav Congress, United Committee of South Slavic Americans, Yugoslav Communist Matters.

Informant is no longer Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief due to the fact that this organization has discontinued its office in this area. Informant has also relinquished his salaried position as Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania but has accepted the non-salaried position of Vice President of this organization.

Informant continues to enjoy the friendship of STEVE NELSON (Chairman of CP National Group Commission), ROY HUDSON (District CP Chairman) and LEO KRZYCKI (National President of American Slav Congress). In this regard it might be noted that on April 15, 1947 Confidential Informant [] reported that STEVE NELSON and ROY HUDSON, during the course of a conversation at District CP headquarters in Pittsburgh, agreed that the informant was a likeable individual.

In view of the continued activity and value of the above informant it is requested that his services be continued at the present rate of \$60.00 per week for a period of three months beginning July 1, 1947.

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~~CONF. INFO~~
 MATTHEW CVETIC, PITTSBURGH CNDI [REDACTED] INFORMANT INVITED TO
 ATTEND MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD, SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL
 COUNCIL AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON JULY 19 NEXT. INFORMANT PLANS
 TO LEAVE PITTSBURGH ON NIGHT OF JULY 17 FOR CAUCUS MEETING ON
 JULY 18 IF BUREAU AUTHORIZES ATTENDANCE AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
 EXPENSES IN AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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MATTHEW CYRIL C. C. [REDACTED] RECEIVED JULY TWENTY. AUTHORITY

GRANTED JAMES CYRIL HYDRO EXECUTIVE BOARD, SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL
COUNCIL, CHICAGO AND PAYMENT EXTENDING NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : E. A. Tamm

DATE: July 14, 1947

FROM : D. M. Ladd

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beahm	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

The Pittsburgh Office has advised that Cvetic is invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Board, Slovenian American National Council at Chicago, Illinois on July 19th. Informant plans to leave Pittsburgh on the 17th and attendance is authorized by the Bureau. As you know, Cvetic is chairman of the National Slovenian Section of the Communist Party, USA and also a member of the Slovenian American National Council. He is an extremely valuable source of information on Slovak matters, particularly in regard to the infiltration of the Communist Party. Authorization has previously been given to send Cvetic to Cleveland and New York as a delegate or attendant and valuable information has been obtained as a result.

Recommendation: For your approval there is attached a teletype to the Pittsburgh Office granting authority to send Cvetic to this meeting of the Executive Board, of the Slovenian American National Council at Chicago and reimbursement for his necessary expenses is not to exceed \$100.

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INFORMANT COVERAGE, AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS AND AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN. AUTHORITY GIVEN SEND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLEVELAND, OCTOBER TWENTYFIVE AND TWENTYSIX, NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN AND PAY EXPENSES, APPROXIMATELY FIFTYTWO DOLLARS. AUTHORITY GIVEN SEND MATTHEW CVETIC, PITTSBURGH [REDACTED] TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE

MEETING, AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER ELEVEN AND TWELVE AND PAY EXPENSES UP TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. CHICAGO AND PITTSBURGH SHOULD MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH CLEVELAND AND NEW YORK TO HANDLE THE MATTER.

HOOVER

CC: Mr. Callahan (Room 4524)

3-20-89

JDD:jc

Mr. Tolson
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7:00 PM Bw

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *fat* SAC, PittsburghSUBJECT: *hey* MATTHEW CVETIC
CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT [redacted]

Bureau File No. 66-2542

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DATE: September 13, 1947

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Mr. Egan
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

The above informant has advised that he has been invited to attend the National Committee meetings of the American Slav Congress to be held in New York City on October 11 and 12, 1947.

It is requested that the Bureau advise whether or not it desires informant to attend the above meetings.

In the event informant does attend the ASC National Committee meetings, he intends to arrive in New York one day before or leave one day subsequent to the meetings in order to handle CP and ASC business on the additional day.

In the event the Bureau desires informant's attendance at the above meetings, it is requested that informant's expenses, not to exceed \$100, be authorized.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

September 18, 1947

Director, FBI

100-319407-50

NATHAN CYBIC

CLAT

In view of the personal recommendation set forth in your letter of September 15, 1947, approval is granted to pay Cyatic at the increased rate of \$65 per week for a period of three months beginning October 1, 1947.

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SEP 20 1947 J.M. Callahan (4524)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
September 15, 1947

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Director, FBI

Re: MATTHEW CVETIC ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT
Bureau File No. 66-2542

DECLASSIFIED BY 3903elw/bce/lcsb
ON 7/12/01

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 8, 1947, which authorized continuance of the above informant for the period of three months at \$60.00 per week beginning July 1, 1947.

At the present time, informant holds the following positions in Communist Party and Communist Party front organizations and furnishes information concerning such organizations' activities.

- 1 - Chairman, Lawrenceville Branch, Communist Party of Pittsburgh
- 2 - Member, City Executive Board, Communist Party of Pittsburgh
- 3 - Member, National and Local Communist Party Nationality Commissions
- 4 - Member, National Slovenian Section, Communist Party, USA
- 5 - Member, National Executive Board, American Slav Congress
- 6 - Vice-President, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania
- 7 - Member, Executive Board, Slovenian American National Council
- 8 - Member, Organizing Committee, Civil Rights Congress of Pittsburgh

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- 9 - Member of inactive local organizations of American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and United Committee of South Slavic Americans

In addition, this informant has contact with National Communist Party and Communist Party front leaders and attends all District Committee meetings of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

During the past six weeks, as Secretary of the Labor Press Committee, informant had charge of all organizational phases of the Communist Party picnic which was held at Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania, on September 1, 1947.

Since the date of referenced letter, informant has furnished complete details regarding -

Numerous meetings of the Pittsburgh Communist Party Office Staff with regard to the Communist Party Labor Day Picnic

Two meetings of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh July 9 and August 6, 1947

Two meetings of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania July 12 and 13, 1947

One meeting of the Organizational Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, July 21, 1947

One emergency meeting of Communist Party city leaders July 28, 1947

One meeting of the Communist Party Language Commission August 23, 1947

One meeting of the Johnstown Communist Party Branch, August 2, 1947

One meeting of the Professional Communist Party Club of Pittsburgh, August 20, 1947

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One meeting of the South Side Communist Party Club
of Pittsburgh August 21, 1947

Five meetings of the Executive Committee of the American
Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania July 1, 24, 29,
August 15, and September 9, 1947

One meeting of the local group concerned with American
Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, July 27, 1947

Two meetings of the Organizing Committee of the Civil
Rights Congress of Pittsburgh July 21, and August 4, 1947

One meeting of the Executive Board of the Slovenian
American National Council which was held in Chicago,
Illinois, on July 19, 1947.

In connection with the latter meeting, it might be noted that
\$100.00 in expenses were authorized for informant's attendance. However,
inasmuch as the Slovenian American National Council made a partial payment
of the informant's expenses, he claimed only \$55.40 reimbursement from the
Bureau. It is believed that this presents some evidence of the informant's
good faith in connection with his work.

The informant's attitude toward this office continues to be
commendable and he has been furnishing a good volume of miscellaneous
information concerning local and national Communist Party leaders. He
also continues to furnish this office with literature of the Communist
Party and Communist Party fronts on a national as well as a local basis.

The informant has recently requested additional remuneration
in view of his wide activities in Communist Party and Communist Party
front circles and because of the increased cost of living. In order that
his cooperation with the Bureau and interest in his work may continue,
it is recommended that his compensation be increased to \$65.00 per week,
effective October 1, 1947.

Very truly yours,

F. A. Fletcher

F. A. FLETCHER
Special Agent in Charge

SAC, Pittsburgh

"PERSONAL ATTENTION"

October 28, 1947

Director, FBI

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MATTHEW CVETIC

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Reurlet 10/16/47 advising that this informant incurred expenses over and above the \$100 authorized for his attendance at the National Committee meetings of the American Slav Congress in New York City on October 11 and 12, 1947. The additional expenses, however, resulted from a meeting by Cvetic with Steve Nelson and Harry M. Justiz and resulted in information of value.

Authority is given to reimburse the informant in the additional amount of \$23.45 for extra expenses in connection with his attendance at the recent National Committee meeting of the American Slav Congress.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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Rebutel 9/19/47, authorizing payment of expenses up to \$100.00 the above informant for his attendance at the National Committee meetings of the American Slav Congress in New York City, New York, on October 11, and 12, 1947.

Informant has been paid this amount to cover the expenses incurred by him during the above period..

However, informant advises that at the request of the New York Office, he remained in New York City on October 13, 1947 in order that he might meet with STEVE NELSON and HARRY M. JUSTIZ and thus obtain possible information for the New York office. In complying with the request of the New York Office, informant advises that he incurred an additional expense in the amount of \$23.45, for which he desires reimbursement.

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It is requested that the Bureau grant this office authority to reimburse informant for the additional expenses incurred by him on October 13, 1947.

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cc: New York

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Reference is made to your letter of June 11, 1947, in which you set forth that Cvetic had not heard anything further from the Yugoslavian Consul, Miroslav Urvich, who offered employment for Cvetic at the Yugoslavian Consulate in New York City. (S)u

For your information Strahinja Malotich, the Social Attaché at the New York Yugoslavian Consulate has been recalled to Yugoslavia as a result of his affair with Jane Traven, Executive Director of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans, which resulted in her pregnancy and the attempted suicide of Malotich's wife. Jane Traven has been forced to resign from her position with the United Committee of South Slavic Americans.

In view of Malotich's recall and Traven's resignation, there will undoubtedly be a reorganization in Yugoslavian Communist activities in the New York area, and there would appear to be an excellent opportunity for Cvetic to become active in this regard which would greatly implement our coverage of Yugoslavian Communist and Intelligence activities. In the event that Cvetic does not deem it desirable to approach Urvich concerning this, it is believed that careful consideration should be given as to other methods of increasing his activity in this field. It would appear to be entirely possible that this might be done through Steve Nelson who previously suggested that Cvetic contact Dr. Slavko Kors at the Yugoslavian Embassy in Washington, D. C. (S)u

It is desired that in the near future you advise the Bureau as to what steps you have taken concerning the above.

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United States Department of Justice
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Director, FBI

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Dear Sir: Form 4-774

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 30, 1947.

On November 3, 1947, the above informant advised that he has heard nothing further from KOSTA UNKOVICH, Yugoslav Consul at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, regarding a position for him (Informant) in the Yugoslav Consulate at New York City, New York. The Informant does not deem it advisable to approach UNKOVICH regarding said position. He stated frankly that due to the lapse of time since the position was offered, he is of the opinion that his chances of securing same are slim. (S) u

Informant, however, will continue to keep this matter in mind. He believes that his best approach toward a more important position with regard to Yugoslav activities would be through STEVE NELSON or HARRY L. MUSTIZ in New York City. Informant cautioned, however, that such an entree into Yugoslav intelligence matters could not be accomplished over night, but would require a relatively long period of time. (S) u

Informant is dubious that his value to the Bureau could be enhanced through attempts to assume a position of importance in the national offices of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans or the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc., since it is his opinion that these organizations will disintegrate in 1948.

It is noted that CVETIC is an extremely cautious individual in his dealings with the Communist Party and its front groups. He is, therefore, hesitant about making direct attempts to secure a position

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which would place him close to either the Yugoslav Consulate in New York City, or the Yugoslav Embassy in Washington, D. C., for fear that such action might place him under suspicion and lead to his eventual disclosure. (b)w

Very truly yours,

F. A. Fletcher

F. A. FLETCHER
Special Agent in Charge

cc: New York
Washington Field

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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DATE: November 11, 1947

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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In compliance with SAC letter 139 of 1947 dated October 31, 1947, the following data is submitted regarding the above informant:

I. PERSONAL HISTORY

NAME, RESIDENCE, AND BUSINESS ADDRESSES

Informant's full name is MATTHEW CASIMAR STEVEN CVETIC. He resides at Room 343, William Penn Hotel, William Penn Way, Pittsburgh, Pa., where he is registered under the name of ROBERT STANTON. This address is unknown to members of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh who are of the opinion that CVETIC resides at some vague and unknown address in the Beechview Section of Pittsburgh. Informant makes his telephonic and written contacts with this office under the name, BOB LEE. Informant has no permanent business address, but at the present time he is engaged in special organizing work for the American Slav Congress with offices at 1005 Berger Bldg., 449 - 4th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

CITIZENSHIP

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Informant is a native American, having been born March 4, 1909, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

EDUCATION

2 years - St. Vincent's College Preparatory School, Latrobe, Pa.
 (1922-23)

2 years - Curry Business College, Pittsburgh, Pa., (1924-25)

1 year - International (Correspondence) School of Criminology, Seattle, Wash. (1932)

EMPLOYMENT

Price Clerk, I. W. Scott Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. (1926-29)

Sales Manager, Etna Furniture Co., Etna, Pa. (1929-30)

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Salesman, Radio Division, General Motors Corp., Pittsburgh, Pa. (1930-31)

Service Station Attendant, Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa. (1931-35)

Research Worker, W.P.A., Crime Survey, Western Pennsylvania Penitentiary, Pittsburgh, Pa. (1935-37)

Employment Interviewer, United States Employment Service, Pittsburgh, Pa. (1937-45)

Executive Secretary, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Pittsburgh, Pa. (1945-46)

Executive Secretary, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa. (1946-47)

Special Events Organizer for Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania and Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania (1947)

MARITAL STATUS

Informant married MARIE BARSH on August 15, 1931. He was divorced from her in 1946. His divorced wife presently resides at 934 Saxonburg Road, Pittsburgh, Pa.

RELATIVES

FRANK CVETIC, father, 5102 Stanton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., (born in Austria; became naturalized U. S. citizen at Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1907)

BARBARA SPELIC CVETIC, mother, 5102 Stanton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. (born in Austria; admitted to U. S. citizenship in 1907 upon her husband's naturalization)

FRANK CVETIC, Jr., brother, 5100 Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa. (grocer)

GEORGE B. CVETIC, brother, 5126 Natrona Way, Pittsburgh, Pa. (laborer)

LOUIS W. CVETIC, brother, 919 Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa. (employment unknown)

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BENJAMIN CVETIC, brother, 919 Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa. (employment unknown)

THEODORE CVETIC, brother, Millvale, Pa., (employment unknown)

BERNARD J. CVETIC, brother, 5209 Carnegie Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. (laborer)

BARBARA CVETIC, sister, 158 Larimer Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. (a nun at Divine Providence Academy)

Mrs. AMELIA CVETIC WAGNER, sister, Shaler Township, Pa., (housewife)

Mrs. CECELIA CVETIC HOFER, sister, Rochester, Pa. (housewife)

MARGARET M. CVETIC, sister, 5102 Stanton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. (nurse)

RICHARD and MATTHEW CVETIC, age 16, twin sons, 934 Saxonburg Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. (students at North Central Catholic High School, Pittsburgh)

CRIMINAL RECORD

Informant was arrested and indicted for assault and battery upon a sister-in-law, ANNA BARSH, in 1939. Said charge was nol-prossed in the same year.

MILITARY SERVICE

None

APTITUDES

Informant has a preference for sales work. He can type, run a mimeograph machine, and is licensed in Pennsylvania to drive an automobile, although, at the present time, he does not own an automobile. His hobbies are baseball, horse racing and motion pictures.

II. PARTY HISTORY

MEMBERSHIP

Informant, with no previous CP or CP front experience, was recruited into the CP at Pittsburgh, Pa., under his true name on February 12, 1943, by

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ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and SIDNEY HOROWITZ. Upon entering the party, he became a member of the Tom Paine (Professional) Branch of the CP of Pittsburgh. Upon dissolution of this branch in 1944, CVETIC was transferred to the North Side Branch. In 1945, he was transferred to the East End Branch, ultimately becoming, in the same year, a member of the Lawrenceville Branch of the CP at Pittsburgh, to which he presently belongs. He presently holds 1947 CP Book No. 80591, issued on January 1, 1947, by ROY HUDSON, District Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

Informant is openly known as a Communist, under his true name, and he works in the open for the CP and the various CP front groups set out hereinafter.

POSITIONS HELD

(In the Communist Party)

1. Chairman, Lawrence Branch of the CP of Pittsburgh, Pa.
2. Member, City Executive Board, CP of Pittsburgh.
3. Member, national and local, CP Nationality Commissions
4. Member, National Slovenian Section, CP, USA
5. Member of the presently inactive Organization-Education Committee, CP of Western Pennsylvania.

(In Communist Party Front Groups)

1. Vice-President, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania (formerly Executive Secretary)
2. Member, National Executive Board, American Slav Congress.
3. Member, National Executive Board, Slovenian-American National Council.
4. Member of inactive American Committee for Yugoslav Relief at Pittsburgh (formerly Executive Secretary)

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5. Member of inactive United Committee of South Slavic Americans at Pittsburgh, Pa.
6. Member, Organizing Committee, Civil Rights Congress of Pittsburgh.
7. Inactive member of Croatian Section, International Workers Order of Western Pennsylvania.

(In Unions)

1. Former member and president of Pittsburgh Local, State, City, and Municipal Workers of America, CIO. (1944-45)

PARTY PUBLICATIONS

Informant has no connection with the distribution of Party literature. He reads the "Daily Worker", the "Worker" and "Political Affairs" regularly and has a fair, but not a thorough knowledge, thereof. He does not subscribe to any CP publications inasmuch as he has free access to them at the CP District Headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pa., which he visits almost daily.

PARTY SCHOOLS

CVETIC has not attended any specific Party schools. However, he has attended classes held by the CP of Western Pennsylvania at District Headquarters in Pittsburgh as follows:

In 1943 he took a course in Dialectic Materialism in which his instructors were GERRY BENTON, MAX WEISS, and LEE KOGAN. In 1945 he attended classes on the subject of "Browderism" which were taught by JOE GODFREY and MIKE SAUNDERS.

Informant has only an average knowledge and understanding of the principles of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin.

ATTENDANCE AT STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Informant, as a visitor, attended several sessions of the National CP

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Convention held in New York City from July 25 - 28, 1945.

Informant attended District Conventions of the CP of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, which were held at Pittsburgh on May 14, 1944; June 10 and 11, 1945; July 15, 1945; and August 18 and 19, 1945.

III. PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND ACQUAINTANCE WITH NATIONAL OFFICERS.

COMMUNIST PARTY

Informant has had an intimate personal relationship with the following National CP leaders and is known to them as a CP functionary among Pittsburgh Slovenes:

STEVE NELSON (Chairman, Nationality Groups Commission, CP, USA) since 1945.

JOHN WILLIAMSON, (CP National Board Member) since 1945

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (Chairman, National CP Women's Commission) since 1943.

MAX WEISS (Editor of "Political Affairs") since 1943

ROY B. HUDSON (National Committeeman) since 1945

GABOR KISH (National Committeeman) since 1943

Informant is known and has a speaking acquaintance with the following:

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER (National CP Chairman) since 1945

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., (National CP Board member) since 1945

HENRY WINSTON (National Committeeman) since 1945

ELLA REEVE BLOOR (National Committeewoman) since 1945

ARNOLD S. JOHNSON (Chairman, National CP Legislation Commission) since 1945

GUS HALL (National Committeeman) since 1945

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CHARLES KRUMBEIN (National CP Functionary) since 1945

AL LANDY (National CP Functionary) since 1945

u (S) YUGOSLAV EMBASSY

Informant has a speaking acquaintance with the following officials of the Yugoslav Government:

u S SAVA KOSANOVICH (Yugoslav Ambassador) since 1946

SLAVKO ZORE (Yugoslav Ambassador's Counselor) since 1946

STANE KRASOVEC (Yugoslav Representative to the United Nations) since 1946.

COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT GROUPS

Informant has personal and intimate acquaintance with the following:

LEO KRZYCKI (President, American Slav Congress) since 1945.

GEORGE PIRINSKY (Executive Secretary, American Slav Congress) since 1945

STEVE KRALL (Financial Secretary, American Slav Congress) since 1945

MARTIN KRASICH (Treasurer, American Slav Congress) since 1945

LEO BACICH (National Functionary of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans) since 1945

HARRY M. JUSTIZ (National Functionary, United Committee of South Slavic Americans) since 1945

ANTHONY MINERICH (Editor of "Narodni Glasnik") since 1945

In addition, informant has a speaking acquaintance with:

ZLATKO BALOKOVIC (Vice-President, American Slav Congress; President, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and United Committee of South Slavic Americans) since 1945.

ANNE TRAVEN (former Executive Secretary, United Committee of South Slavic Americans) since 1945.

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ON 7/12/01

The above informant, as vice-president of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, was required to attend a meeting of American Slav Congress Mid-West functionaries which was held at the Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio, on October 26, 1947. This meeting was addressed by GEORGE PIRINSKY and STEVE KRALL, ASC National Executive Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Informant's report regarding this meeting was furnished the Bureau and interested offices under date of November 7, 1947, under the caption, "AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

Informant inadvertently failed to advise this office of the ASC meeting and consequently no prior Bureau authority was requested to cover his attending said meeting.

Informant has requested that this office reimburse him for the following expenses, which were incurred by him in attending the above meeting in Cleveland:

Train Transportation	\$ 6.76
Taxi Fares	2.50
Room, Hollenden Hotel (one day)	5.11
Meals (one day)	3.50
Miscellaneous Entertainment	2.75

Total

\$20.62

It is noted that the above ASC meeting was held during the course of the National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which was held at the Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, on October 25 and 26, 1947. While in Cleveland, informant also attended a panel meeting of the Western Pennsylvania delegates to the ACPFB Conference which was held at the Hotel Hollenden on October 26, 1947, and furnished a report concerning said panel meeting. Informant also circulated among the delegates to the Conference and procured numerous ACPFB pamphlets which have been furnished to the Cleveland Office for its possible use in reporting the Conference.

In view of the above activity of the informant, it is requested that the Bureau authorize payment of these expenses (\$20.62) incurred by him in covering the above meetings.

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For the information of the Bureau the above informant has advised that 1948 CP Membership Book #58097 was issued to him, a member of the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party, on November 18, 1947 by ROY B. HUDSON, District Chairman, Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI

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MEETING CHICAGO DECEMBER TWENTY AND PAY EXPENSES UP TO SIXTY DOLLARS.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDT

INFORMANT REQUIRED TO

ATTEND MEETING OF YOUTH COMMITTEE OF SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL
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ON 7/2/01

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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Rebulet 9/18/47, which authorized continuance of the above informant for a period of three months at \$65 per week, beginning October 1, 1947.

Since the date of referenced letter, informant has furnished complete reports regarding:

Two meetings of executive committee of Lawrenceville Communist Party Club, Pittsburgh 9/22/47 and 10/14/47.

Six meetings of executive committee of American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa. 9/23/47, 10/2,23,30/47, 11/27/47 and 12/13/47.

One meeting of national executive board of Slovenian American National Council, Chicago, Ill. 9/27/47.

Three meetings of the Pittsburgh City Communist Party Executive Committee, Pittsburgh, Pa. 10/18/47, 11/12/47 and 12/10/47.

Four meetings of the organizing committee of the Pittsburgh chapter, Civil Rights Congress, Pittsburgh, Pa. 10/3,15,29/47 and 11/14/47.

One meeting of Nationality Commission, Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa. 10/16/47.

One public meeting sponsored by the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, which featured New York radio commentator and writer, WILLIAM S. GAILMOR, Pittsburgh, Pa. 10/16/47.

One meeting of mid-west American Slav Congress leaders, Cleveland, Ohio 10/26/47.

One meeting of Western Pennsylvania Panel at National Conference of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Cleveland, Ohio 10/26/47.

One public meeting sponsored by Pittsburgh Chapter, Progressive Citizens of America, Pittsburgh, Pa. 11/10/47, which featured HENRY A. WALLACE.

In addition, informant furnished details concerning personal conference with WALLACE at Pittsburgh, Pa. on November 11, 1947.

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One public rally sponsored by American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh 12/5/47, which featured LOUIS ADAMIC and PAUL ROBESON.

One district conference of Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa. 12/13,14/47.

It is noted that informant was in charge of arrangements for the 80th Birthday Banquet held in honor of PAT CUSH (Western Pennsylvania Communist Party charter member), which was held at Pittsburgh on October 31, 1947 and that he was in charge of ticket distribution for the above mentioned ADAMIC-ROBESON meeting held on December 5, 1947. Informant kept this office apprised of all details concerning said affairs.

In addition informant attended the national committee meetings of the American Slav Congress, which were held in New York City on October 11, 12, 1947, furnishing complete reports on said meetings to the New York Office. The latter office has advised that he handled his work in an intelligent and energetic manner.

Informant has continued to furnish this office with literature issued both nationally and locally by the Communist Party, American Slav Congress, Civil Rights Congress and Slovenian American National Council.

In view of the wide scope of informant's activities in the Communist Party and Communist Party front organizations, it is recommended that his compensation be continued at the rate of \$65 per week, beginning January 1, 1948.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CN DI [REDACTED] INFORMANT REQUIRED TO ATTEND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JANUARY 17 NEXT. AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS REQUESTED. (U) 100-378409-57

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TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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The above informant has been invited to attend National Committee meetings of the American Slav Congress which are to be held at the Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, on February 28 and 29, 1948. These meetings will reportedly involve discussions of the election campaign of 1948, the danger of rebuilding a strong militaristic Germany, and the growing discrimination and persecution of Slavic Americans and other minority groups.

It is requested that the Bureau advise whether or not it desires informant to attend the above meetings.

In the event informant does attend, he plans to arrive in Detroit on February 27, 1948, in order to discuss Communist Party business with Slovenian Comrades on the day prior to the National Committee meetings.

If informant's presence in Detroit is desired on the indicated dates, it is requested that his expenses, not to exceed \$100, be authorized.

An expeditious reply is requested inasmuch as informant must make reservations and other necessary arrangements for his proposed trip.

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United States Department of Justice**

Detroit, Michigan
February 13, 1948



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Dear Sir:

Re Pittsburgh letter, February 9, 1948, advising that the captioned informant has been invited to attend National Committee Meetings of the American Slav Congress to be held at the Tuller Hotel, Detroit on February 28, and 29, 1948, and requesting that the Bureau advise whether or not it desires that the Informant attend these meetings.

In the consideration of this matter by the Bureau, the Detroit Office desires to advise that there is no local informant in this territory who is in a position to cover these meetings. It is requested that the Bureau consider this fact in connection with its decision concerning the captioned informant.

Very truly yours,

H. T. O'Connor

H. T. O'Connor
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - New York
cc - Pittsburgh

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CONFIDENTIAL
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Re New York letter March 4, and your letter March 8, regarding the possibility of Cvetic securing a position high in Communist Party levels.

In your letter of March 8, 1948, containing the results of a discussion of this matter with the informant, it appears that you did not emphasize the necessity for the informant to attain a higher position of prominence, in which position he can be of more assistance to the Bureau. Cvetic is allegedly under the impression, though unsubstantiated by facts, that he is more valuable among the foreign language groups in Western Pennsylvania than he would be in New York. Roy Hudson allegedly has told the informant that he did not want him to leave Pittsburgh.

Arrangements are to be made to again interview Cvetic and impress upon him the necessity for advancing in the Communist Party, whether on foreign language matters or otherwise.

There is a good opportunity for Cvetic to be placed on the National Committee and there is no other informant in the Bureau in a better position than he is at the present time. All local considerations are to be put aside and, if necessary, Cvetic should be urged to go to New York and contact Steve Nelson and impress upon Nelson his desire to get ahead in the Communist Party, which may be done through cooperation with Steve.

In addition, Cvetic should be urged to make a contact with Harry M. Justiz and definitely ascertain what possibility Justiz may be able to offer which would enhance the position of Cvetic as an informant for the Bureau.

The Bureau desires to again emphasize the importance of utilizing every advantage Cvetic may have to get inside the higher levels of the Communist Party at this time. Despite the obvious loss of informant coverage to your office by a transfer of Cvetic to New York, the Bureau, as a whole, will stand to benefit enormously, as you can readily see, by having an individual within Communist Party headquarters in New York City.

I cannot emphasize too strongly the fact that Cvetic is at the present time the best possibility that the Bureau has to get into the inner circle of the Communist Party and I desire that immediate steps be taken to urge Cvetic to utilize any possibilities at his command to enhance his position. An early contact with Cvetic is desired and you are requested to advise the Bureau and the New York Office as soon as possible what steps you have taken in this matter.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, Confidential
National Defense Informant [redacted]
Pittsburgh Office.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from Pittsburgh Office to the Bureau dated November 7, 1947 relative to informant's possibility of securing a position higher up in the Communist Party where he would handle Yugoslav matters.

Further reference is made to my letter of October 20, 1947 to the Bureau in the case of "STEVE NELSON, was.; INTERNAL SECURITY-R", a copy of which was sent to the Pittsburgh Office. This letter covered a conference which took place October 13, 1947 in New York City between the above captioned informant and Steve Nelson, Director of the National Groups Commission, CP-USA, at the Communist Party Headquarters, 35 East 12th Street, New York City. Page 7, paragraph 2 of this letter reads as follows:

"Nelson then stated to the informant that the informant was to take over the lead in the Slovene field for the Party, and, that the informant would have full responsibility for all Slovene activities within the CP-USA."

While the informant was in New York City at this time he indicated there was a possibility of his being transferred to New York City in order to be in a better position to coordinate the Slovene activities throughout the United States. As indicated in reference letter of November 7th such a move would have to be sponsored by either Steve Nelson or Harry M. Justiz.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Pittsburgh Office with a request that that office advise if the informant has received further information or indication that he is to be transferred to New York by the Party.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

cc Pittsburgh

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TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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Reference New York letter to Bureau 3/4/48.

On March 8, 1948, the above informant advised that he has not received any further information that he is to be transferred to New York by the Communist Party. He informed, however, that while attending meetings of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress at the Tuller Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, on February 28-29, 1948, he had had a conversation with HARRY M. JUSTIZ. During the course of this conversation JUSTIZ inquired in an offhand manner whether or not informant would like to come to New York to work. Since JUSTIZ could not give any indication of the work informant might do in New York, the latter answered that he did not desire to make a change at present. The matter was then dropped.

Informant continued that he does not anticipate a transfer to New York since he is of the impression, unsubstantiated by facts, that ROY B. HUDSON, Chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, has reported to the national Communist Party office that informant is more valuable in work among the foreign language groups in this area than he would be in New York. HUDSON is reported to have told the informant on more than one occasion that he did not desire that informant leave Pittsburgh.

At the conclusion of the above interview, informant stated, as he has in the past, that he would consider transferring to New York if he were offered a position in the Yugoslav Consulate or the national office of the Communist Party. However, a minor job in a Communist Party front organization, which he believes is all that JUSTIZ could offer at present, does not appeal to him, and he reiterated his belief that such a position would not enhance his value to the Bureau.

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RE: MATTHEW CVETIC, ONDI [REDACTED] REURLET MARCH SEVENTEEN, LAST.
AUTHORITY GIVEN REIMBURSE INFORMANT TWENTY DOLLARS AS CONTRIBUTION TOWARD
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TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: March 17, 1948

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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Reference Section (C), SAC Letter No. 5, Series 1948, dated January 13, 1948, concerning donations by informants to the 1948 Communist Party fund drive.

Informant, a prominent member of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, and several CP front organizations in this area, is being paid \$65 a week without reimbursement for expenses. No specific sum has been demanded from him in connection with the CP fund drive inasmuch as he has previously impressed district CP leaders with the fact that his present income is extremely limited.

For the purpose of maintaining his prestige, informant desires to donate \$20 to the fund drive, and because of his recognized prominence in local CP circles, it is recommended that authority be granted to reimburse him for this extraordinary expense of \$20.

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TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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Rebulet April 14, 1948.

On April 19, 1948 the above informant was specifically advised of the necessity for advancing himself in the Communist Party, whether on foreign language matters or otherwise. It was also pointed out to him that he should contact STEVE NELSON and HARRY JUSTIZ in an effort to determine the possibility of securing a transfer to New York where he might obtain a higher position of prominence in Party work.

CVETIC stated he would make every effort to gain an entree into the Communist Party or Communist Party front work in New York. He reiterated, as he has in the past, that he would not leave Pittsburgh until he had some definite commitment from Party officials in New York.

Informant, wholly dependent upon his Bureau salary at the present time, added that he would demand a salary of at least \$125 per week in the event he secured a transfer to New York and was successful in developing Party contacts on a high level.

With regard to the matter of salary, the Bureau is being apprised in detail in a separate communication that informant has advised he is unable to maintain himself on his present salary of \$65 per week and that, of necessity, his salary must be substantially increased to \$100 per week or its equivalent regardless of whether he is transferred to New York or remains in Pittsburgh.

On April 27, 1948 informant reported that he had contacted ZLATKO BALOKOVIC, National Vice President of the American Slav Congress, when the latter was in Pittsburgh on April 19, 1948. During the course of this meeting CVETIC inquired concerning the possibility of his doing organizational work in the National Office of the American Slav Congress and BALOKOVIC said he would discuss the matter with the American Slav Congress Resident Board upon his return to New York on April 20, 1948.

At the present time informant is endeavoring to arrange a contact with STEVE NELSON during the course of meetings of the Executive Committee of the Slovenian American National Council which are to be held at Cleveland, Ohio on May 28-30, next.

The Bureau and New York Office will be advised of future developments in this matter.

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Reference is made to your letter dated May 7, 1948, setting forth a summary of the activity of this informant for the past six months and recommending that his compensation be increased from \$65 to \$100 per week effective June 1, 1948.

Cvetic has advised that his financial condition is precarious and he is in debt to the amount of \$450. He also states that he is paying his divorced wife \$75 per month for the support of their 16-year-old twin sons. In addition, the informant claims he must maintain his room at the William Penn Hotel at a rental of \$105 per month in order that he will be close to his necessary activities on our behalf.

For the above reasons, Cvetic has requested and you have recommended that his salary be increased to \$100 per week. He has also suggested that his salary be further increased to \$125 per week in the event he is able to effect a transfer to New York City to assume a position with the Communist Party. Cvetic has said that if he is not granted a substantial weekly increase he will be forced to leave Pittsburgh and seek employment elsewhere. According to his statement, he has been unsuccessful in obtaining employment in Pittsburgh due to his known Communist affiliations despite the fact that you have urged him to seek such employment.

Cvetic's difficulty in meeting his personal living expenses is not the immediate concern of the Bureau. He has been an informant long enough to know that he is being paid for the value of the information he is able to produce and the continuance of his services is based upon his continued productivity. If he is unable to live within his income which is all from the Bureau, he should adjust himself to the circumstances. He is paying \$105 per month for the rental of a room at the William Penn Hotel and obviously if he were in earnest he could most certainly obtain a room for less.

You have listed in reference communication the coverage afforded your office by Cvetic during the last payment period, but there is no indication in referenced letter that any of this coverage is an expansion of the informant's activity. The Bureau appreciates the fact that Cvetic is an excellent informant, and the Bureau also appreciates the fact that he is being paid a reasonable sum for his services. For your personal information, there are not many informants in the Bureau being paid a sum as high as Cvetic. The informants who are being paid that much or more are furnishing what the Bureau considers much more assistance on a comparable basis than that which is provided by Cvetic. It is observed that he furnishes unusual aid on Slavic matters, but despite the fact

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he is on the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania and has been friendly with Steve Nelson for sometime, there does not appear to be an appreciable increase in coverage along this line. In order to grant this increase which Cvetic now demands the Bureau desires to be advised specifically what increase in production both from a quantity and quality standpoint has been observed by you in the recent past. The Bureau also wishes to know what specific steps Cvetic has taken to relieve his financial situation which he claims is now in a precarious state. Cvetic has been told, according to referenced letter, to obtain employment in private business or industry, but he claims his health will not allow an outside position and activity on behalf of the Bureau at the same time. If Cvetic feels that he must cease his informant work in order to avail himself of some outside opportunity by all means he should do so. His cooperation with your office and the Bureau can cease anytime he so desires and as long as he remains he will be paid for what he produces. If his productivity increases to the point where he should receive more compensation, he will receive this compensation but he will not receive it on the basis of the high cost of living and his poor financial circumstances.

With regard to a position on high Communist Party levels in New York City, the Bureau has felt and still feels that if Cvetic tries hard enough instead of procrastinating he can obtain such a position. His compensation at that time will, of course, be increased, but the amount he will receive will depend upon the position he can achieve.

Authority is given to continue payments to Cvetic at the same rate he has been receiving in the past, namely, \$65 per week, and these payments can continue for a period of 6 months, effective June 1, 1948. As mentioned previously, if you can specifically furnish instances where Cvetic has increased his value to your office and the Bureau which in your opinion warrants the payment to him of an additional \$35 per week and also indications of Cvetic's good faith in trying to handle his own affairs, additional consideration will be given by the Bureau to an increase in his compensation.

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TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: 5-7-48

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Rebulet, 12-29-47, which authorized continuance of the above informant for a period of six months at \$65.00 per week, beginning January 1, 1948.

Since the date of referenced letter CVETIC has continued to be most active in Communist Party and Communist Party front activities in this area and has furnished reports concerning the following meetings on the indicated dates.

Executive Committee of American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania: 12-30-47; 1-20; 2-6, 2-19; 3-2-48.
Communist Party New Years Eve Party: 12-31-47.
Communist Party New Years Day Party: 1-1-48.
Progressive Citizens of America: 1-6-48.
Civil Rights Congress, Pittsburgh Chapter: 1-9; 4-16, 4-30-48.
Progressive Party at Harrisburg, Pa.: 1-11-48.
City Committee, Communist Party of Pittsburgh: 1-14; 3-10-48.
Executive Board, Slovenian American National Council at Chicago, Illinois: 1-17-48.
Lawrenceville Club, Communist Party of Pittsburgh: 1-23; 4-8-48.
United Committee of South Slavic Americans, Pittsburgh Chapter: 1-27; 2-11; 3-27-48.
Progressive Party at Pittsburgh, Pa.: 1-30; 3-26; 4-18-48.
City Conference, Communist Party of Pittsburgh: 2-1-48.
Finance Committee, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania: 2-3-48.
Communist Party Club Presidents of Pittsburgh Section: 2-13; 4-7-48.
National Committee of American Slav Congress at Detroit, Michigan: 2-28, 29-48.
Nationality Commission, Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania: 3-11; 4-1-48.
American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania Concert: 3-12-48.
Finance Committee, Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania: 3-13-48.
North Side Club, Communist Party of Pittsburgh: 3-26; 4-2-48.
Communist Party Club Secretaries of Pittsburgh Section: 3-29-48.
Lodge #4258 of International Workers Order: 4-11-48.
Western Pennsylvania Slav Leaders Banquet which featured ZLATKO BALOKOVIC: 4-19-48.

In addition informant has furnished numerous miscellaneous reports.

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concerning local Communist Party leaders and members, visiting CP and CP front leaders, as well as literature issued both nationally and locally by the CP, American Slav Congress, Civil Rights Congress, and Slovenian American National Council.

It is noted that Bureau letter to Pittsburgh, 4-14-48, indicates there is no Bureau informant in a better position to gain a place on the National Committee of the CP, USA, than CVETIC and that the latter should utilize any possibility at his command to enhance his position. As set out in Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, 5-4-48, CVETIC is presently attempting to arrange a transfer to New York City in order to secure a position in high CP levels. He has requested that his salary be increased to \$125.00 per week in the event he effects such a transfer. *wait for*

With further regard to salary, CVETIC has advised that whether he secures a transfer to New York or remains in Pittsburgh he must have a substantial increase in salary in order to maintain himself. *why?*

In this regard it is pointed out that CVETIC formerly held supplementary salaried positions at Pittsburgh with the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief and the American Slav Congress. When he lost these positions CVETIC worked periodically for the CP and the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania in an organizational capacity, thereby receiving an income which augmented his Bureau salary.

However, during recent months, due to the precarious finances of the CP and the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, the informant has been unable to secure salaried work with either and has been wholly dependent upon his Bureau salary. Although he has been urged to seek employment in private business and industry, he claims his efforts in this regard have been unsuccessful due to his known Communist affiliations. CVETIC further claims that his health will not permit him to work for both a private employer and the Bureau.

Informant, under the cover name of ROBERT STANTON, continues to maintain a room at the William Penn Hotel at a rental of \$105.00 per month, and although it has been suggested that he seek less expensive living quarters he insists that past experience has proved that the savings gained by living elsewhere would be dissipated by travel to and from the downtown area of Pittsburgh coupled with other incidental expenses. Informant's

expenses also include a monthly payment of \$75.00 to his divorced wife for the support of their sixteen year old twin sons. This expense is expected to continue for at least two more years.

CVETIC has further advised that he has been borrowing money from friends and relatives during recent months and that at the present time he is in debt in the amount of \$450.00. He has pointed out that his salary has not been increased in proportion to the rise in general living costs and that he is, therefore, experiencing difficulty in maintaining himself.

For the foregoing reasons CVETIC has requested that his salary be increased to \$100.00 per week. In the event he is not granted a substantial weekly increase he advises he will be forced to leave Pittsburgh and seek permanent employment elsewhere.

In view of the wide scope of informant's activities in the CP and CP front organizations and his recognized value to the Bureau, it is recommended that his salary be increased to \$100.00 per week, beginning June 1, 1948.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, ONDI



AUTHORITY GIVIN PAY EXPENCES INFORMANT

UP TO SEVENTYFIVE DOLLARS, ATTENDANCE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE

MEETINGS, SLOVENIAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY TWENTY-

EIGHT THROUGH MAY THIRTY. MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS IF NECESSARY WITH

CLEVELAND OFFICE FOR CONTACT WITH INFORMANT.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [] INFORMANT REQUIRED TO ATTEND EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF SLOVENIAN AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL AT CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 28 THROUGH 30, NEXT. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO PAY EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTYFIVE DOLLARS.

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EX-57 GIVEN REIMBURSE INFORMANT UP TO SEVENTYFIVE DOLLARS ATTENDANCE NATIONAL
COMMITTEE MEETING AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, TO BE HELD NYC, JULY TWENTYTWO.

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MATHEW CVETIC, CNDI. [REDACTED] INFORMANT INVITED TO MEETING OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS TO BE HELD NEW YORK CITY, JULY 22 NEXT TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR FOURTH AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS. INTEND TO ARRIVE NEW YORK CITY JULY 21 TO RENEW CONTACTS WITH LANGUAGE GROUPEADERS PRIOR TO ABOVE MEETING. AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS REQUESTED IF ATTENDANCE DESIRED.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [REDACTED] INFORMANT-S PRESENCE AT MEETING
 OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS AT NY DESIRED IN
 VIEW OF FACT NY HAS NO INFORMANT TO COVER THIS MEETING. IF
 BUREAU APPROVES INFORMANT-S COVERAGE AT NY, HE IS TO CONTACT
 SA MICHAEL S. BOHAN UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT NYC.

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MATTHEW CZETIC, CNCL [REDACTED] INFORMANT INVITED TODAY BY
ZLATKO PALOKOVIC TO ATTEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF AMERICAN
COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAVIA RELIEF TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JULY TWENTY THREE.
INFORMANTS PRESENCE AT THIS MEETING DESIRED BY NEW YORK OFFICE SINCE
NO OTHER INFORMANT AVAILABLE TO ATTEND MEETING. INFORMANT REQUESTS
FIFTEEN DOLLARS TO DEFREY EXPENSES FOR ADDITIONAL DAY.
BUREAU REQUESTED TO SUTEL AUTHORIZATION FOR FIFTEEN DOLLARS ADDITION
EXPENDITURE BY NOON JULY TWENTY TWO.

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MATTHEW EVETIG, CNDI DASH [REDACTED] REURTEL JULY TWENTYONE.
AUTHORITY GIVEN PAY INFORMANT ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN DOLLARS ATTENDANCE
MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR YUGOSLAVIA RELIEF.

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MATTHEW CVETIC

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Reurlet August 4, 1948, setting forth the extent of the coverage provided by the above-named informant, who is admittedly an excellent source for our office.

Cvetic may be able to increase his coverage in view of the recent change in leadership of the Communist Party, resulting in Steve Nelson becoming Western Pennsylvania Chairman. Nelson and Cvetic have been friendly for some time and Cvetic has Nelson's confidence.

Authority was given to continue the present salary of Cvetic of \$65 per week effective June 1, 1948, for a period of six months. His actual expenses incurred on behalf of the Bureau may be handled on a separate basis, but referenced letter did not estimate the amount of these expenses and merely recommended authority to pay up to \$20 per week for these expenses.

The authority to reimburse him for actual expenses, in addition to his salary, is granted effective immediately for a period of one month. Prior to the expiration of this one month period, you are requested to submit an itemization of the actual expenses incurred by the informant for each week in order that a specific amount may be authorized in the future for Cvetic's monthly expenses.

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 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh
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Rebulet, 6-2-48.

The Bureau's observations as set forth in the above letter were specifically brought to informant's attention on June 7, 1948, and He stated at that time and has reiterated on several occasions since that despite an earnest desire to continue in his present work it is impossible for him to do so under present arrangements. He will continue as at present, however, until he can make other plans.

With regard to such plans informant has been most circumspect, and it would appear that he presently has nothing definite in mind. He has intimated that he would like to write a novel based largely on his knowledge of the Communist Party with the hope that same would eventually be filmed as a motion picture. [redacted] has stated that if he ceases his informant work, he will at no time disclose that he has furnished information to the Bureau.

There has been no change in the personal status of informant as set out in Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, May 7, 1948. CVETIC has rejected all suggestions that he seek less expensive living quarters for reasons previously set out. He has likewise failed to secure a position to supplement his salary from the Bureau although it has been continually and emphatically pointed out to him that his own security as an informant is jeopardized by the fact that he presently has no known or "cover" source of income. Informant claims, however, that he is still endeavoring to secure supplementary employment.

With regard to informant's security in the event he should continue his work, this office is considering the possibility of establishing some such cover as that of a private collection agency for informant which it is believed could be operated successfully and with adequate security to him by the mere printing of business cards.

[redacted] has advised that he has discussed the possibility of securing CP or Party front work in New York City with ZLATKO BALOKOVIC, GEORGE PIRINSKY, and STEVE NELSON but that no opportunity for a transfer to New York has been forthcoming, and there is little likelihood same will be received due to the fact that Party and Party front finances are at a low ebb. Informant has also held several discussions with CALVIN BROOK (Editor of Ludovy Dennik, CP line Slovak Daily published at

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Pittsburgh, Pa.) regarding the opening of a travel agency in Pittsburgh by them to aid people who desire to travel in Slavic countries. This proposition appears extremely nebulous, however, due to the lack of finances on the part of all concerned.

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With regard to specific instances in which [] has increased his value to the Bureau, as requested in rebulet, it is pointed out that his coverage now includes practically all meetings of the Pittsburgh Civil Rights Congress concerning which he has submitted a complete membership list. His volume with regard to the American Slav Congress and Pittsburgh CP activities, which has always been prolific and of excellent quality, has continued with the number of reports submitted having slightly increased. Informant has been furnishing full coverage regarding the Nationality Commission of Western Pennsylvania since it was reorganized on March 11, 1948, following a long period of inactivity during which time there was no opportunity for informant to submit information concerning the Commission. It is further noted that [] has been furnishing coverage for most of the important national meetings of the American Slav Congress and the Slovenian American National Council.

CVETIC is the only informant in this office who regularly furnishes information regarding CP activities in the foreign language groups, and his loss in this field would be keenly felt. It might also be noted that the recently announced change in the CP leadership in this district, which has resulted in STEVE NELSON'S becoming the Western Pennsylvania chairman, would also tend to make CVETIC'S retention desirable since he has the friendship and confidence of NELSON and is, therefore, in a better position than any informant of this office to furnish information emanating from the district CP headquarters.

It is conceded that CVETIC is a difficult informant to handle since he is a neurotic type of individual subject to alternate periods of enthusiasm and depression. His chief complaint concerning his finances is that in order to maintain the position he has gained in local Party circles he is required to spend much of his salary for subscriptions to CP publications and for donations and contributions to various CP and CP front drives, benefits, raffles, and collections. He has stated that his personal financial difficulties would be

alleviated to some extent if these actual expenses were reimbursed.

It is therefore recommended that the Bureau consider the payment of informant's present salary plus such actual expenses expended by him in carrying on his work, not to exceed \$20.00 per week, for a trial period of three months.

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cc - Mr. Lamphere

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GIVEN SEND INFORMANT ASC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER
TWENTYFOUR THROUGH TWENTYSIX AND PAYMENT EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED
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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI

INFORMANT INVITED TO AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON SEPTEMBER 24 NEXT AND WILL BE DELEGATE TO FOURTH AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER 24 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 26. AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS REQUESTED.

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MATTHEW CVETIC

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Rebulet dated August 16, 1948, granting authority to your office to pay Cvetic in addition to his salary of \$65 per week, his expenses for a period of one month. Prior to the expiration of the one month period you were to submit an itemization of the actual expenses incurred by the informant each week in order that a specific amount may be authorized in the future for Cvetic's monthly expenses.

You are requested to submit the desired information to the Bureau as soon as possible.

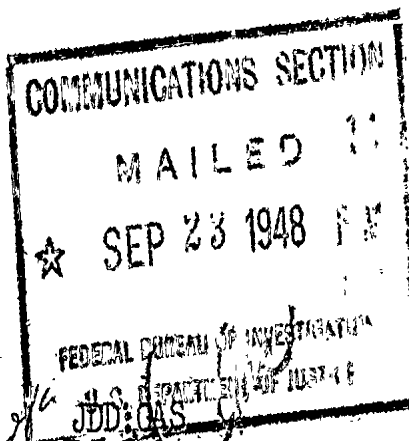
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EX-1 Raurlet dated September 27, 1948, itemizing the expenses of the above-named informant for a period of one month.

Authority is given to reimburse Cvetic for these expenses and he may be paid \$20 per week as expense money for the remainder of the current payment period.

Dulet of August 16, 1948, authorized his continuance at the salary of \$65 per week effective June 1, 1948, for a period of six months. Two weeks prior to the expiration of the authorized period, December 1, 1948, you should submit an informative summary and your personal recommendation concerning the continuance of Cvetic at the rate of \$65 per week, plus \$20 per week expenses.

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The above informant has submitted actual expenses incurred on behalf of the Bureau, as follows:

Week of August 22:

8/22	American-Slav Congress Picnic at Johnstown, Pa.		
	Transportation	\$ 3.00	
	Raffle tickets purchased at picnic	3.00	
	Entertainment	2.00	
	Telephone	.50	\$ 8.50
8/23	6 Sunday and 6 Daily Workers	\$.60	
	Streetcar transportation	.60	
	Telephone	.45	\$ 1.65
8/24	Postage stamps	\$.73	
	Telephone	.30	
	Streetcar transportation	.40	\$ 1.43
8/25	3 "Political Affairs" magazines	\$.75	
	Transportation	.30	
	Telephone	.65	\$ 1.70
8/26	Expense incurred at IWO District Conference, Roosevelt Hotel.		
	Admission and entertainment	\$ 2.75	
	Telephone	.45	
	Transportation	.60	\$ 3.80
8/27	Transportation	\$.40	
	Telephone	.30	
	Postage	.37	
	Pamphlets and literature	.65	\$ 1.72
8/28	Transportation	\$.40	
	Telephone	.65	\$ 1.05

TOTAL FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 22

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TOTAL FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 22. . \$19.85

Week of August 29:

8/29	American-Slav Congress Picnic at Pitcairn, Pa.		
	Transportation	\$ 1.00	
	Raffle tickets	2.00	
	Admission and entertainment	2.75	
	Telephone	<u>.90</u>	\$ 6.65
8/30	Telephone	\$.35	
	"Worker" and "Daily Worker"	.60	
	Postage	.27	
	Transportation	<u>.40</u>	\$ 1.62
8/31	Telephone	\$.40	
	Streetcar transportation	.60	
	Contribution to Polish Radio Hour	<u>4.00</u>	\$ 5.00
9/1	Telephone	.25	
	Streetcar transportation	<u>.40</u>	\$.65
9/2	6 tickets to Ukrainian-American Festival	\$ 7.20	
	Telephone	.40	
	Streetcar transportation	<u>.30</u>	\$ 7.90
9/3	Streetcar	\$.30	
	Telephone	.25	
	Postage	<u>.73</u>	\$ 1.28
9/4	Streetcar	\$.40	
	Telephone	<u>.20</u>	<u>.60</u>

TOTAL FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 29 \$23.70

Week of September 5:

9/5	Telephone	\$.75	
	Streetcar	<u>.20</u>	\$.95
9/6	Labor Press Picnic		
	6 Raffle tickets	\$ 6.00	
	Telephone	.50	
	Transportation	.75	
	Entertainment	3.00	
	Raffle ticket for Rev. VARZALY's church	<u>1.00</u>	<u>\$11.25</u>
			\$12.20

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TOTAL FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 22 \$19.85
TOTAL FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 29 23.70

Week of September 5 (con't):

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9/7	Postage	\$.40		
	Telephone	.35		
	"Worker" and "Daily Worker"	<u>.60</u>	\$ 1.75	
9/8	Streetcar	\$.20		
	Telephone	<u>.15</u>	\$.35	
9/10	Postage	\$.73		
	Streetcar	.30		
	Telephone	<u>.40</u>	\$ 1.43	
9/11	Literature	\$.55		
	Streetcar	.20		
	Telephone	<u>.25</u>	\$ 1.00	
9/12	Streetcar	.20		
	Telephone	<u>.30</u>	<u>.50</u>	\$ 5.03

TOTAL FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5 \$17.23

Week of September 12:

9/12	Carfare	\$.52		
	Postage	.18		
	Slovanic-American National Council picnic expenses	<u>\$ 2.75</u>	\$ 3.45	
9/13	Telephone	\$.35		
	Carfare	.30		
	Postage	<u>.73</u>	\$ 1.38	
9/14	12 "Worker" and 12 "Daily Workers"	\$ 1.20		
	1 "Political Affairs" magazine and CP pamphlets	.45		
	Telephone	.40		
	Streetcar	<u>.40</u>	\$ 2.45	
9/15	Bus and carfare	\$.55		
	Telephone	<u>.40</u>	<u>\$.95</u>	\$ 8.23

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TOTAL FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 22 \$19.85
TOTAL FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 29 23.70
TOTAL FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5 17.23

Week of September 12 (con't):

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9/16	Carfare	\$.40		
	Telephone	.30		
	Lawrenceville CP Club dues (3 months)	<u>3.00</u>	\$ 3.70	
9/17	Carfare	\$.40		
	Telephone	<u>.55</u>	\$.95	
9/18	Literature	\$.60		
	Carfare	.50		
	Telephone	.35		
	Progressive Party social	<u>2.50</u>	\$ 3.95	
9/18	IWO lodge dues (3 months)	<u>\$ 3.24</u>	<u>\$ 3.24</u>	<u>\$11.84</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES INCURRED FOR FOUR-WEEK PERIOD
BEGINNING 8/22/48 and ENDING 9/18/48

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [REDACTED] INFORMANT INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING
OF CP NATIONAL GROUP COMMISSION, NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER 9 NEXT.
AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSE NOT TO EXCEED 70 DOLLARS REQUESTED.

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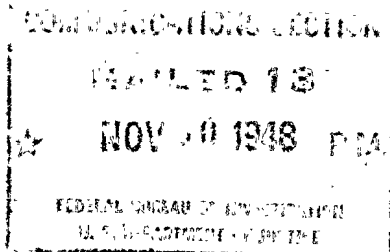
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Reurlet November 2, 1948.

EX-25
Authorization given in Bureau letter of October 6, 1948, does not require the submission to the Bureau of an itemization of informant's actual expenses each week. However, you should require from the informant an itemized account of his expenses to be maintained in his administrative file which will be the basis for the submission of your blue slip requesting reimbursement for this sum.

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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Rebulet 10/6/48.

Unless advised to the contrary, this office is proceeding on the basis that relet authorizes the payment of a flat sum of \$20.00 a week for expenses of informant and does not require him to submit an itemization of actual expenses incurred each week.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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DATE: Pittsburgh, Pa.
11-13-48

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There is returned herewith, one copy of Bulet to Pittsburgh, dated November 9, 1948, said copy apparently being designated for Mr. GUNSSER, Room 5260 at the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

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Mr. Nease.....
\$5.00 per day
\$20.00

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CYETIC
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(Bureau File 66-2542)

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Rebuletts 6/2/48 and 10/6/48, which authorized payment of \$65.00 per day per week to above informant for six months, effective 6/1/48 and payment of \$20.00 per week as expense money to 12/1/48, respectively.

Since 6/1/48, Informant has furnished detailed reports re the following CP and CP front activities at Pittsburgh, Pa.:

Five meetings of the Executive Committee of the American Slav Congress
of Western Pennsylvania (6/5,10,24;9/30;11/4/48)

American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania Conference, 6/13/48

Five meetings of the Civil Rights Congress of Western Pennsylvania
(6/18; 8/20; 9/14; 10/11 and 28/48)

Conference of Civil Rights Congress of Western Pennsylvania, 10/16/48

Communist Party District Convention (7/9,10,11/48) ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

Four meetings of the CP North Side Section (8/26; 9/13; 10/1, 12/48)

Two meetings of the CP Lawrenceville Club (6/10 and 8/12/48)

A meeting of the CP Food Club, 9/20/48

Four meetings of the CP Nationality Commission of Western Pennsylvania (6/28; 7/15; 9/21 and 10/9/48)

Eight meetings (miscellaneous) of CP district leaders (6/5; 7/7; 8/4,
7, 14, 28; 10/9, 23/48) RECORDED 22 11/11

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Meetings of Pittsburgh CP Club chairmen, 6/30/48

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Meeting of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign
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In addition, informant has furnished a complete list of delegates to the Western Pennsylvania American Slavery Congress Conference held at Pittsburgh on 6/13/48 and a complete list of the membership of the Civil Rights Congress of Western Pennsylvania. Inasmuch as informant was one of the principal organizers of the Labor Brass Committee Picnic sponsored by the CP and held at Pitcairn, Pa.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Letter of [unclear] dated 11-27-48

Amount to pay \$65 per week

Gross \$200. Per wk. per 6 mos. 11-12-1-48. JDR

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on 9/6/48, he was also able to furnish complete details regarding arrangements for said picnic.

On a national scale, [] has furnished reports re:

National Committee meeting of the ASC held at New York City, 7/22/48

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief held at New York City, N.Y., 7/23/48

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Slovenian and American National Council held at Chicago, Ill., 9/24/48

Fourth American Slav Congress held at Chicago, Ill., 9/24-26/48

National meeting of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans held at Chicago, Ill., 9/25/48

National CP Groups Commission meeting held at New York City, 11/9/48

Informant has also furnished excellent coverage of literature issued both nationally and locally by the CP, American Slav Congress, Civil Rights Congress, Slovenian American National Council, and American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

From 10/22-26/48 GEORGE PIRINSKY, Executive Secretary of the ASC, was a visitor in Pittsburgh, Pa. Informant furnished complete details concerning PIRINSKY's activities while in Pittsburgh, as well as his purpose for coming to this city and as a result, this office was able to account for PIRINSKY's movements in Pittsburgh with a minimum of surveillance effort by agents of this office.

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It is to be noted that since the Bureau authorized payment of \$20.00 per week to cover informant's expenses in Party and Party front work, his financial situation has eased considerably and he advises that he has been able to repay much of the money previously owed by him to various individuals. Improvement of [] finances can also be partly attributed to the fact that he was employed as an organizer for the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania at \$60.00 per week for approximately six weeks prior to the 1948 elections.

As a result of informant's improved financial situation, his mental approach to his work has likewise improved, rendering him far less difficult to handle.

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At the present time, informant has no other income than the sum paid him by the Bureau, but he is seriously considering accepting a position soliciting hospitalization insurance. It would appear that acceptance of this position will furnish informant with suitable cover for his activities.

Informant continues to enjoy excellent relations with STEVE NELSON, District CP chairman, and he is in frequent consultation with NELSON relative to CP policies within the local foreign language groups.

In view of the above it is recommended that informant be continued at a rate of \$65.00 per week plus \$20.00 per week expenses for six months, effective December 1, 1948.

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SAC, Pittsburgh

11-26-48

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MATTHEW CVETIC

CNDI

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Reurlet dated November 18, 1948.

Based upon your recommendation, authority is given to reimburse the above-named informant in the amount of \$75.65 for expenses in connection with his recent trip to New York City where he covered a meeting of the Communist Party National Groups Commission.

(Bureau 66-2452)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
(Bureau File 66-2452)

DATE: 11/18/48

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Remytel to Bureau, 11/2/48, requesting that the Bureau authorize payment of expenses not to exceed \$70.00 to enable informant to cover a meeting of the CP National Groups Commission at New York City on 11/9/48.

Although no reply has been received this date by this office in response to retel, informant attended the above meeting inasmuch as he had committed himself to do so. Informant has submitted complete details concerning said meeting in New York City and same will be furnished to the Bureau in the near future. Informant has also submitted an itemized statement of his expenses for the above trip, totalling \$75.65.

It is requested that the Bureau authorize payment of the above actual expenses incurred by the informant in furnishing said coverage.

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DIRECTOR, SACS CHICAGO AND NEW YORK

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [] INFORMANT CAN ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 11 AND 12. SUTEL AUTHORIZATION EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS BY DECEMBER 9 IF COVERAGE DESIRED.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, ONDI [REDACTED]

REURTEL DECEMBER SIX LAST, REQUESTING

AUTHORITY PAY INFORMANT EIGHTYFIVE DOLLARS FOR TWO DAY MEETING IN CHICAGO.

EXPENSES SEEM HIGH FOR TWO DAYS. SUTEL ITEMIZATION.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI

RE PITTSBURGH TELETYPE

TWELVE SIX LAST.

WILL ATTEND NATIONAL

CONFERENCE ~~THE~~ AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN

BORN. BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED

FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR REGISTRATION FEE AND MEALS. IN VIEW OF

CONCURRENT PANEL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES ADDITIONAL

COVERAGE DESIRABLE.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [REDACTED] REMYTEL DECEMBER SIX AND URTEL DECEMBER SEVEN LAST. ESTIMATED EXPENSES AS FOLLOWS, FIRST CLASS ROUND TRIP TICKET BETWEEN PITTSBURGH AND CHICAGO FORTY DOLLARS SEVENTYONE CENTS, PULLMAN ACCOMMODATIONS APPROXIMATELY NINE DOLLARS, HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, TWO DAYS, TEN DOLLARS, MEALS, APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS, FIFTEEN DOLLARS, TAXI AND MISCELLANEOUS TRAVELING EXPENSES THREE DOLLARS, CONFERENCE EXPENSES, INCLUDING DELEGATE FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS, TEN DOLLARS, TOTAL EIGHTYSEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTYONE CENTS. RAIL EXPENSES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND ARE ACCURATE.

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MATTHEW VETIC, CNDI

REURTEL DECEMBER NINE,

LAST. AUTHORITY GIVEN PAY EXPENSES INFORMANT UP TO NINETY DOLLARS
ATTENDANCE NATIONAL CONVENTION AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION
FOREIGN BORN IN CHICAGO.

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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On December 9, 1948, the above informant advised that he had been licensed to sell health and accident insurance in the state of Pennsylvania on December 3, 1948, and that he is presently employed by the EDWARD J. WALDMAN Agency, 813-822 Empire Building, 507 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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It is believed that this position will furnish informant with excellent cover for his activities within the Communist Party and the Communist Party's front organizations.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [REDACTED] INFORMATION RECEIVED INFORMANT
DISCLOSED CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BUREAU TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], CARNEGIE - ILLINOIS STEEL CORPORAT
TION, PITTSBURGH, IN 1948. LETTER WITH DETAILS MAILED TO BUREAU
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
 ONDI [redacted]
 (Bureau File 66-2542)

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On December 21, 1948, SA JOHN R. MITCHELL of this office had occasion to contact [redacted], Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation, Carnegie Building, 434 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., in connection with "Procli; Espionage" program. [redacted] stated that he was pleased to be contacted by the FBI inasmuch as he had some information which he had wanted to furnish the Bureau.

[redacted] then proceeded as follows:

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He became acquainted with one MATTHEW CVETIC during the fall of 1942, at which time the latter was employed as an interviewer by the U. S. Employment Service, Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. At this time, [redacted] was connected with the Personnel Section of the Carnegie Illinois Steel plant at Homestead, Pa., and many potential employees were referred to him by USES through CVETIC. Neither at that time nor at any time since has CVETIC been other than a business acquaintance of [redacted]

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On one occasion during the past year, the date not specifically mentioned, but possibly in or about August, 1948, CVETIC arranged a luncheon date with [redacted] at the William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh. Soon after CVETIC and [redacted] were seated at their table, the former requested [redacted] to be on the alert for any individuals who looked suspicious. This unexpected request startled [redacted] but he agreed to abide by it. CVETIC then proceeded to say that he was one of the top members of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh and he left [redacted] with the impression that he was the No. One man. He added that he was working as an undercover man for the FBI and that if any members of the Communist Party were to find it out his life would be placed in jeopardy. CVETIC stated he was interested in finding employment which would permit him to travel and attend Communist Party meetings.

[redacted] attempting to discover what CVETIC had on his mind, asked if the latter wanted a job with the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation. CVETIC said he did not, but that he would have to get a job which left him free to travel.

CVETIC continued that the FBI had the fingerprints of all Communists, knew who they were, and that he would be spotted immediately if he had a job which tied him down. CVETIC gave [redacted] the impression that he needed a job because the Communist Party Headquarters had instructed all Party officials to seek employment in private industry in order to relieve financial burdens which had been placed upon the Party.

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CVETIC further mentioned that his job as an undercover agent for the FBI had required him to attend various meetings; that a couple of agents would accompany him to the meeting places and then follow small groups of Party members after the meetings had concluded. CVETIC said that when he went to New York City, FBI agents would meet him there. He concluded that he had been placed in the USES in Pittsburgh by the FBI in order to find Communists who were employed in that organization.

CVETIC again contacted [] in August, 1948, and requested that the latter meet him at a designated room in the William Penn Hotel where he (CVETIC) was known as ROBERT STANTON. [] was under the impression that this was the name by which CVETIC was known in Communist circles, since CVETIC asked if [] had not seen the name ROBERT STANTON in the local newspapers in connection with articles concerning Communist Party activities. [] refused to meet CVETIC at the above hotel and suggested that the latter meet him at his office in the Carnegie Building. As a result, CVETIC did meet [] at his office in August, 1948. On this occasion, CVETIC stated he was interested in writing his memoirs with regard to his activities as an undercover man in the Communist Party during the past few years. When [] inquired why CVETIC had come to him, CVETIC said that he had known [] for several years, considered him intelligent and reliable, and thought that perhaps [] could help him with the sentence structure and editing of his proposed memoirs. CVETIC added that he realized his education was limited, that he needed help, and that he believed he could trust []. CVETIC further advised [] that he was telling the latter all of the above in the strictest confidence. As a result, [] has not repeated any of it to anyone, including his wife.

CVETIC also mentioned during the above meeting in [] office that he had to leave town. Shortly thereafter, [] noted in the local newspapers that several Communist Party officials in New York City had been taken into custody and he had wondered if CVETIC had any connection with this. [] has not seen CVETIC since the last described meeting in August, 1948, and he had thought that possibly CVETIC had been telling him the truth and had been killed.

[] concluded that he thought CVETIC and his wife were separated; that they were the parents of two boys in their teens; that CVETIC lived in or around the Pittsburgh suburbs of Etna or Sharpsburg, Pa.

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It is noted that all the above information was furnished by [] to SA MITCHELL on a voluntary basis and was not solicited in any way. During the course of the entire conversation, SA MITCHELL offered no comment and, in fact, was not aware of CVETIC's identity until he checked the Pittsburgh Office indices on December 22, 1948, while preparing for dictation with reference to his interview with []

With regard to the information furnished by [] it is noted that the Pittsburgh files reflect CVETIC was employed by the USES at Pittsburgh on February 16, 1942, at which time his name was referred to the Bureau as a confidential informant, and on February 22, 1943, when the Bureau authorized this office to compensate him at a rate of \$15.00 per week. Since 1943, CVETIC has advanced himself, both in Party and Party front circles; and is admittedly one of the more important figures in the Communist Party movement in this area.

The reason for CVETIC's statement that the FBI had the fingerprints of all Communists is unknown to this office. His statement that Communist Party officials in this district had been ordered to seek employment in private industry is confirmed by information previously furnished this office by him and other sources.

With regard to CVETIC's statement that he had taken agents to Communist Party meeting places in order to aid them in surveillances, it is noted that there has been no such occurrences within the past two years, although it is possible that same may have occurred at some previous time. The Pittsburgh files also reflect that on some of CVETIC's trips to New York City to cover important Party or Party front meetings, he has met with agents assigned to the New York Office in order to furnish them with current developments and to receive further instructions with reference to his activities at these meetings.

With regard to CVETIC's statement to [] that he was interested in writing of his undercover Communist Party activities, the Bureau is referred to Paragraph #2 of Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, August 4, 1948, with regard to this informant, wherein it was set out that CVETIC, dissatisfied with the compensation being paid him, had nothing definite in mind, but had intimated that he would like to write a novel based largely on his knowledge of the Communist Party with the hope that the same might eventually be filmed as a motion picture. At that time, however, CVETIC also stated that if he

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ceased his informant work, he would at no time disclose that he had furnished information to the Bureau.

As the Bureau is aware and as pointed out in Pittsburgh letters to the Bureau regarding CVETIC dated May 7, 1948 and August 4, 1948, this office has experienced many difficulties in the handling of CVETIC during the first nine months of 1948, prior to receipt of authorization from the Bureau to reimburse him \$20.00 per week for his actual expenses in connection with Party work. The underlying causes for these difficulties were CVETIC's dissatisfaction with his rate of compensation and his repeated refusals to make personal adjustments to enable him to live within his income as requested by the Bureau and this office. During this entire period, however, the scope of CVETIC's activities within the Communist Party and Communist Party fronts has not suffered, and the volume of information furnished by him has, in fact, increased.

Because of his admitted value with regard to both local and national Communist Party and Communist Party front activities, this office has sought to retain CVETIC despite the fact that his neurotic personality has presented the many problems already known to the Bureau.

As the Bureau was advised in Pittsburgh letter dated March 1, 1947, CVETIC disclosed his relationship with the Bureau to his eldest brother, a former girlfriend, Miss BETTY NEWMAN, and Miss NEWMAN's parents, despite the fact that he knew he should not disclose any connection with the FBI. As a result of Bureau letter to Pittsburgh dated March 31, 1947 authorizing continuance of CVETIC for a trial period, he was again advised that the Bureau would not countenance the disclosure of his relationship to anyone. He was further apprised of this confidential relationship on June 16, 1947, in accordance with SAC Letter #71, Series 1947.

In his contacts with agents of this office, informant at no time since March 31, 1947, has intimated or hinted that he had disclosed his confidential relationship to any person, and this office had no reason to suspect such activity as reported by [REDACTED]

In order to anticipate any future action on the part of CVETIC, it is noted that he has recently hinted in an off-hand manner that some of the following Communist Party members at Pittsburgh might be "stoop pigeons:"

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It is further noted that the [redacted] last named individuals are informants of this office. The status of the first [redacted] named is unknown.

On no occasion has the informant directly accused any of the above individuals of being informants of this office, nor has he advanced any reasons for his suspicions, other than that he had "a hunch." No comment has ever been made to the informant with regard to his off-hand remarks and he has not elaborated with regard to them.

It is also noted that informant submitted a written report to this office on February 13, 1948 in which he set out that he suspected [redacted] of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania of being an informant for some organization or individual, possibly the Pittsburgh Press. This information was subsequently furnished by letter to the Bureau on December 2, 1948 upon submission of a report in the case entitled, "GEORGE SAMUEL WUCHINICH, aka; Internal Security-C," (Bureau File 100-346126).

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In view of informant's disclosure of his connection with this Bureau to [redacted] as mentioned at the outset of this letter, it is recommended that the Bureau authorize immediate discontinuance of CVETIC as a confidential national defense informant of this office.

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Transmit the following message to SAC, PITTSBURGH
NEW YORK

MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI

RE CORRESPONDENCE INDICATING INFO IANT HAS

DISCLOSED CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP. PRIOR TO DISCONTINUANCE BUREAU DESIRES
CONSIDERATION POSSIBILITY OF REFERRING THIS INFORMANT TO USA NYC FOR USE AS
WITNESS IN TRIAL AGAINST CP LEADERSHIP. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY REVIEW ALL
REPORTS SUBMITTED TO YOUR OFFICE BY THIS INFO IANT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY
CONTAIN ANY SIGNIFICANT DATA RELATING TO THE REVOLUTIONARY ASPECTS OF THE
PARTY, INCLUDING PERTINENT REMARKS MADE AT CP MEETINGS AND SCHOOLS DEALING WITH
THE PARTY'S ADHERENCE TO THE DOCTRINE OF MARXISM-LENINISM. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE
ALERT FOR STATEMENTS MADE BY NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS OF THE CP OR OTHER TOP
FUNCTIONARIES OF THE PARTY DEALING WITH THE BASIC DOCTRINES OF THE COMMUNIST
MOVEMENT AS SET FORTH IN THE BRIEF FURNISHED TO YOUR OFFICE ON THE ILLEGAL
STATUS OF THE CP, USA. IN THE EVENT THIS INFORMANT HAS REPORTED INFORMATION
OF VALUE, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ITS SUBSTANCE TO THE BUREAU AND THE
NY OFFICE ALSO AT WHICH THE FINAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN RELATIVE TO
REFERRING THE MATTER TO THE USA. YOU SHOULD ALSO FURNISH YOUR OBSERVATIONS AS
TO WHETHER THIS INFORMANT WILL MAKE AN EFFECTIVE AND COOPERATIVE WITNESS IN THE
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

DATE: 12/28/48

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CNDI [REDACTED]
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Relet Pittsburgh to Bureau, 12/23/48.

Pending receipt of Bureau reply to the above letter, no contact has been initiated by this office with the above informant. However, on 12/28/48, CVETIC telephonically contacted this office and advised that he had come to the conclusion that he could no longer "get along" on the present salary being paid him by the Bureau. He added that since he has in the past discussed some of his problems with Bureau officials at Washington, D. C., he thought he might again talk with someone at the Bureau in an effort to secure an increase in salary. CVETIC made the latter statement despite the fact that he was specifically advised by this office on 6/7/48 and on many subsequent occasions that, as pointed out in Bureau letter to Pittsburgh, 6/2/48, salary increases would depend upon the value of information he was able to produce.

CVETIC concluded that he intended to be in Washington, D. C., on or about January 12, 1949, and that in the event he did not secure an increase in salary he would be forced to seek other employment. This office has made no comment regarding CVETIC's intentions to discuss a salary increase directly with the Bureau in view of the recommendation in relet that CVETIC's services be discontinued.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI RELET PITTSBURGH TO BUREAU DECEMBER 23
LAST. INFORMANT CONTINUES TO SUBMIT REPORTS. NEXT PAYMENT DUE
JANUARY 3 NEXT FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 2. PAYMENTS TO INFORMANT WILL
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: January 4, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

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MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI [redacted]

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The Pittsburgh Division has advised that in connection with another investigation, a contact was made with an official of the Carnegie, Illinois, Steel Corporation, and it was ascertained that Cvetic disclosed his identity as a confidential informant of the Bureau. Cvetic not only said that he was working for the FBI as an undercover man, but also disclosed his Party name and stated that he would be accompanied to meeting places by Agents who would then follow small groups of Party members after the meetings had concluded. The informant also mentioned that when he went to New York City, he would be met there by FBI Agents. The reason for Cvetic's disclosure was to obtain other employment.

The Pittsburgh Office has recommended that Cvetic be discontinued, and pointed out that he has been carried as an informant despite his neurotic personality, since he has furnished extremely valuable information in the past. Cvetic has been furnishing information since 1942 and has held or holds the following positions:

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In the Communist Party

1. Chairman, Lawrence Branch of the CP of Pittsburgh, Pa.
2. Member, City Executive Board, CP of Pittsburgh.
3. Member, national and local, CP Nationality Commissions.
4. Member, National Slovenian Section, CP, USA
5. Member of the presently inactive Organization-Education Committee, CP of Western Pennsylvania.

In Communist Party Front Groups

1. Vice President, American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania (formerly Executive Secretary).
2. Member, National Executive Board, American Slav Congress.
3. Member, National Executive Board, Slovenian-American National Council.
4. Member of inactive American Committee for Yugoslav Relief at Pittsburgh (formerly Executive Secretary).
5. Member of inactive United Committee of South Slavic Americans at Pittsburgh, Pa.
6. Member, Organizing Committee, Civil Rights Congress of Pittsburgh.
7. Inactive member of Croatian Section, International Workers Order of Western Pennsylvania.

In Unions

1. Former member and president of Pittsburgh Local, State Municipal Workers of America, CIO (1944-45)

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During the past year Cvetic, who holds no other job, agitated for an increase in salary. Until June, 1948, he was receiving \$65 a week, and he requested that his compensation be increased to \$100 per week. One objection to an increase was the fact that he maintains a room in the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh at a rental of \$105 per month. How he has been able to do this without the Party becoming suspicious is unknown. The Pittsburgh Office, to appease Cvetic, recommended in June that his salary be increased, but the Bureau refused. It was then suggested by Pittsburgh that in addition to his \$65 per week salary, that he be allotted \$20 per week for actual expenses, and this was approved in October, 1948.

In addition to the disclosure by Cvetic of his confidential relationship, he has now advised the Pittsburgh Office that he can no longer continue at his present salary. He said that he expects to be in Washington around January 12, 1949, and if he did not secure an increase by that time, he would be forced to seek other employment. Cvetic does not as yet know that we are aware of his disclosure of his status to an official of Carnegie, Illinois, Steel.

CONCLUSION:

There is no question but that Cvetic should be discontinued as an informant. He is dissatisfied and every place he goes he will talk about his connection with the Bureau. He has even indicated a desire to write a book and we will be confronted with that problem very soon. Before he is discontinued, however, it is believed that we should get out of him as much as we can. Cvetic has been very prominent in Communist Party activities under his cover name. He has been a confidant of Steve Nelson, high in the Nationality Section of the Communist Party. It is believed that a thorough review of his reports by the Pittsburgh Office should be made before he is discontinued, and it be determined whether there is any indication that he can provide evidence which could be used in the impending trial in New York City. If Cvetic can be used as a witness, friendly or unfriendly, it is believed that we should get back some of our investment in him by placing him on the witness stand in New York City.

RECOMMENDATION:

Before Cvetic is discontinued, it is recommended that Pittsburgh review his reports immediately and advise whether he has furnished information of an evidentiary nature which can be used in the forthcoming Communist Party trial in New York City. If Cvetic has not done so, he will, of course, be immediately discontinued. If he has furnished some information which we can use, further consideration will be given to carrying him as an informant, at least until he can be interviewed as a prospective witness on the Brief.

There is attached an appropriate teletype to Pittsburgh.

Attachment

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

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For Your Recommendation _____

What are the facts? _____

Remarks: _____

It looks to me as if this informant has been very ably handled. The things recommended herein should have been done long ago. It gives me concern as to how others informants may be handling -

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [REDACTED] REBUTEL JANUARY 5 LAST. INFORMANT STATES HE WILL BE COOPERATIVE WITNESS IN TRIAL AGAINST CP LEADERSHIP PROVIDED HIS TESTIMONY IS ACCEPTED AS THAT OF AN QUOTE UNDER COVER AGENT UNQUOTE, WHO JOINED CP FOR PURPOSE OF SECURING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION, RATHER THAN THAT OF A QUOTE STOOL PIGEON UNQUOTE, WHO JOINED CP BELIEVING IN ITS PRINCIPLES, AND SUBSEQUENTLY QUOTE SOLD OUT UNQUOTE TO GOVERNMENT. INFORMANT IS INTELLIGENT AND WOULD PROBABLY BE EFFECTIVE WITNESS ALTHOUGH HE IS MOODY INDIVIDUAL, SUBJECT TO ALTERNATING PERIODS OF ENTHUSIASM, SELF PITY, AND DEPRESSION. SUMMARY OF PERTINENT INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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CP, USA - BRIEF, IS C. REFERENCE PITTSBURGH LETTER CAPTIONED "MATTHEW

CVETIC, CNDI [REDACTED] DATED JANUARY NINETEEN LAST. AUTHORITY GRANTED

FOR NY TO DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF PITTSBURGH LETTER WITH USA TO DETERMINE
WHETHER HE DESIRES TO INTERVIEW CVETIC AS POSSIBLE WITNESS IN THIS TRIAL. ALSO
ADVISE USA OF INFORMATION SET OUT IN PITTSBURGH TELETYPE JANUARY ELEVEN LAST
TO EFFECT THAT CVETIC AGREED TO TESTIFY PROVIDED HIS TESTIMONY WOULD BE ACCEPTED
AS THAT OF "UNDERCOVER AGENT" WHO JOINED CP FOR PURPOSE OF SECURING INTELLIGENCE
INFORMATION. THIS IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH FACTS INASMUCH AS CVETIC APPROACHED
PITTSBURGH OFFICE IN FEBRUARY, NINETEEN FORTY TWO AND STATED HE WOULD JOIN CP
FOR PURPOSE OF FURNISHING INFORMATION TO THAT OFFICE. IN EVENT USA DESIRES
SUCH INTERVIEW, NY SHOULD COMPLETELY ADVISE PITTSBURGH RELATIVE TO PROCEDURE TO
BE FOLLOWED IN CONNECTION WITH HANDLING OF INFORMANTS RELATIVE TO TRIAL. SUTEL
BUREAU AND PITTSBURGH.

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MATTHEW GULFIC

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Rebutel 1/5/49 and airtel to Bureau and New York, 1/11/49.

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A review of the "Communist Party, U.S.A. - Brief; Internal Security - C" reports submitted by this office on November 1, 1946, and September 6, 1947, and all reports furnished by the above informant since February 22, 1943, reveals that [] can testify as follows regarding the Communist Party's advocacy of the use of force and violence for the overthrow of the Government of the United States:

A. ANALYSIS - LENINISM390632101
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A meeting sponsored by the Communist Party of Pittsburgh was held at the A. Lee Neil School, Center and Soho Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the evening of May 19, 1943, with approximately 125 Party members in attendance.

MICHAEL SAUNDERS, was., Mike Saunders, Milton Schwartz (then District Organizer of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania), delivered the final address of the evening and during the course of same, stated that new members could learn to become better Communists in three ways: (1) By reading The Daily Worker. (2) By reading books by MARX, LENIN, STALIN and ENGLER. (3) By attending Party branch meetings and entering into discussions. (Report, 5/19/43; 67-2564-8)

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A meeting of the TOM LAINE Branch of the Communist Party was held at the home of LEON DAVID KOGAN, wa., Lee Kogan, (Organizer of the Tom Laine Branch and member of City Communist Party Executive Committee), 3619 Parkview Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the evening of May 26, 1943. During the course of said meeting, CHAD YAGODA (member of Educational Committee of Tom Laine Branch) reported that the recent dissolution of the Comintern did not change the Party's ideal of socializing the world, for the Party was still a national body but found it expedient for the present to follow nationalist lines. YAGODA concluded that sometimes, according to the teachings of MARX and LENIN, it became necessary to fight to preserve capitalism, such as when Fascism or other elements threatened.

LEON DAVID KOGAN spoke briefly to the effect that the dissolution of the Comintern in no way changed the international aspect of the principles for which the Party was fighting.

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ROGAN, KAGODA and RUTH BONVILLAIN, was., Mrs. Joseph Godfrey Bonvillain, Ruth Lagetson, Ruth Evans, Eva Hagidson (Educational Chairman of the Tom Paine Branch), emphasized that the dissolution of the Comintern in no way changed the Party's international attitude or the Party's pretext in organizing the mass of working people all over the world; that following the national line was to be interpreted as just another step in world revolution. (Report, 5/26/43; 67-2534-3)

A class meeting on "Foundations of Leninism" was held by the Tom Paine Branch of the Communist Party at the home of CHARLOTTE SARGENT CHANDLER, was., Charlotte P. Chandler, Mrs. David Lurie, (Membership Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania), 521 Roslyn Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the evening of October 19, 1943, with eight members present.

The class was based on the first chapter of "Foundations of Leninism", entitled, "The Historical Roots of Leninism", and was conducted by CHARLOTTE SARGENT CHANDLER. During the course of the evening, CHARLOTTE SARGENT CHANDLER stressed that the amount of blood that would have to be spilled in bringing socialism to this country would depend upon the reactionaries in this country and the extent to which they would oppose revolutionizing the country. She concluded that if the reactionaries opposed the revolutionizing of this country, it would mean that the Communists would have to use other than peaceful methods and that blood would have to be spilled. (Report, 10/20/43; 67-2534-14)

On the evening of October 16, 1943, a LENIN class meeting of the Tom Paine Branch of the Communist Party was held at the home of LEO DAVID ROGAN, 3619 Larview Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with nine members in attendance. The class, conducted by CHARLOTTE SARGENT CHANDLER, dealt with Chapter three, "Theory", as set out in "Foundations of Leninism".

CHANDLER stated that the Red Baiters in this country were making a lot out of that part in Chapter three in "The Foundations of Leninism", wherein it is stated that the country which first wages a successful revolution must help to stir up revolt of the proletariat in other countries. CHANDLER added that the Red Baiters use this as proof that the Communist Party in the United States takes orders from Russia. She immediately denied that this was true since it was the rising proletariat in this country that would bring about the revolution. She concluded that there was very little chance of revolutionizing the United States at that time. (Report, 11/17/43; 67-2534-14)

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A meeting of the Tom Paine Branch of the Communist Party was held at the home of DOLLY GAYHER, was., Eleanor Stokes Dunham, Mrs. Stephan Dedier, (Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party of Pittsburgh and a member of the Communist Party District Committee), 3 Darling Way, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the evening of February 2, 1944.

LAM MORRIS WEISS, was., Lam Weiss, Morris Weiss, (Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania), spoke on the Teheran Conference and the report of EARL BROWDER (National General Secretary of the Communist Party) to the National Plenum of the Communist Party held in New York City, New York, from January 7, 1944, to January 9, 1944.

Much of WEISS' address was based on the proposed change of the Communist Party name. He advised that the change would be made because "we will no longer function as a Party, but will align our forces with the democratic forces of this country - much like the Communist movement operates in Cuba, Canada and Australia, where the word 'Communist' does not appear in the Party name".

WEISS continued that as Marxists, the Communist aims would remain the same; that as Marxists, the Communists would continue to work to socialize the entire world. He stated that the Communists realized that there was no chance at that time of bringing socialism to this country, and that the present era should be looked upon as an educational period. WEISS admitted that the Party was just as anxious to socialize this country as any individual member, but that Communists should be practical and not emotional in deciding when the masses were ready to accept socialism. (Report, 2/2/44; 67-2584-17)

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A conference of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania - West Virginia was held in the lecture room of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on the afternoon of February 6, 1944.

MICHAEL SANDERS, (then Administrative Secretary of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania), and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, (National Chairman of the Communist Party, U.S.A.), spoke on Party recruiting. At one point in his address, SANDERS stated, "We are the Marxist Labor Party. We communists must learn and teach the trade unionists in the Marxist approach to the labor question". (Report, 2/7/44; 67-2584-17)

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A meeting of the District Board members and Club Leaders of the Communist Political Association of Western Pennsylvania - West Virginia was held at the District headquarters of the Communist Political Association, 46 Bakerell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 31, 1945, with approximately 38 individuals present.

Discussion at the meeting was based upon the JACQUES DUCLOS article which had appeared in The Daily Worker of May 24, 1945, and which had criticized the policies of the American Communists.

MAX MORRIS WEISS, (then President of the Communist Political Association of Western Pennsylvania - West Virginia), declared that the DUCLOS article should be considered as a contribution to the Party. Based upon it, the Communist Political Association should re-examine its policies because of the rift between American and British Imperialists and "our Soviet allies".

WEISS continued, "If we were wrong in dissolving the Party of the working class, we must be prepared for a period of storm and struggle in the post war period. Perhaps we have erred. Even JOSEPH STALIN, in a speech, once said, 'We have made many errors in the early days of our campaign, but we have corrected them'. If STALIN admits making mistakes, then we should not hesitate to admit we are wrong if our discussion proves that we have departed from the Marxist approach to our problems". (Report, 5/31/45; 67-2584-30)

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On July 15, 1945, a District convention of the Communist Political Association, Western Pennsylvania - West Virginia District, was held at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 708 Arch Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The convention was called for the purpose of acting upon proposed resolutions of the District Board to reconstitute the Communist Party, to propose amendments to said resolutions, and to elect delegates to a special national convention of the Communist Political Association to be held at the Fraternal Club House, New York City, New York, from July 26, 1945, to July 29, 1945.

Among the resolutions adopted by the District Convention was the following: "The Communist Party must be reconstituted and again become the Marxist Party of the working class". (Report, 7/15/45; 67-2584-79)

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On July 15, 1946, the informant furnished an undated, typewritten "Leadership Training Outline", which contained the following suggested readings:

"STALIN: FOUNDATIONS OF LENINISM, Chapter 8
MILLIAMSON: FOR A MASS WORKING PARTY OF THE WORKING CLASS in
POLITICAL AFFAIRS of March 1946."

It is noted that one section of said outline captioned, "What are the main characteristics of Communist leadership?", contained the following discussion points:

- "a. The ability to find proper solutions to problems on basis of Marxism - Leninism.
- "b. To have the closest ties with the masses, above all, the labor, and develop ability to learn from them.
- "c. To master art of Bolshevik self-criticism.
- "d. To learn how to work in a collective manner.
- "e. Meaning of STALIN's statement that 'The combination of the wide revolutionary range of action with American efficiency is the essence of Leninism in Party work'." (Furnished 7/15/46; 100-277-3373)

On January 13, 1947, the informant received a mimeographed leaflet from the District headquarters of the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, which had been issued by the Educational Department of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Said leaflet set out the following:

"INTRODUCTION: The year 1947 marks the 100th Anniversary of Marxism. We can best celebrate this Anniversary by seriously applying ourselves to the task of mastering Marxism-Leninism. An extensive all-year round program has been outlined that will help us in this aim. One feature of this program will be monthly forums that will deal with various aspects of Marxism-Leninism and their application to the problems of today. This month's forum, commemorating the anniversary of Lenin's death, will deal specifically with some of the contributions that Lenin made in further developing the science of Marxism and their relation to present-day America and the tasks of the Party.

"From these forums we hope to accomplish two things -- to deepen our theoretical understanding and to apply this understanding concretely to the problems and struggles in our community or shop. These forums will be most fruitful if they are used as a

basis for club discussions. We propose that all clubs make every effort to organize their club discussions no later than the last week in January. If your club desires a speaker, the Educational Department will be glad to provide one.

"This brief outline has a very limited function. Its main purpose is to stimulate thinking on the major questions to be discussed at the forum on January 19th, and to provide minimum reading material in preparing both for the forum and club discussions."

LENIN AND AMERICA

1. What is Leninism?
2. What are the main features of the Marxist-Leninist analysis of imperialism? How do they apply to the world of today?
3. How does Marxism-Leninism evaluate the role of the trade unions -- their importance -- their limitations?
4. What is the theory of spontaneity against which Lenin struggled? How does this theory express itself on an American scene? What Leninist principles can arm us to struggle against this false theory?
5. How does a Marxist-Leninist Party approach the formation of alliances and coalitions?
6. What is the Marxist-Leninist concept of the struggle for Socialism?
7. How does a Marxist-Leninist Party maintain its independence and play an independent role in a coalition?
8. What can each club learn from Marxism-Leninism to improve the work of the club?
9. What is the significance of the 100th Anniversary of Marxism as compared with other social philosophies?
10. What is the Marxist-Leninist concept of the role of the Communist Party?"

"READING"

"Lenin on the Struggle for Genuine Political Consciousness -- January Political Affairs

Imperialism -- Lenin -- Chapters 7, 8, 9, 10

What is to be Done? -- Lenin -- Chapter 3

'Left Wing' Communism -- Lenin

Foundations of Leninism -- Stalin -- Chapter 8."

(Furnished 1/17/47; 67-2584-394)

B. IMPERIALISM

A meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania was held on July 12, 1947, at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny

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Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

GABOR KISH (then Washington County Section Organizer and member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A.) delivered a report on the International situation, during the course of which he stated that the Marshall Plan was a part of the imperialistic expansionist policy of the United States. KISH emphasized that it was the job of the Communist Party to teach the American people that American monopoly capital was their enemy and that it was working for a third World War. (Report, 7/12,13/47; 67-2584-465,466)

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A District Convention of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania was held at the Music Hall of the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on July 9-11, 1948. Approximately 106 official delegates and 29 visitors were present at this Convention.

During the morning session of the Convention on July 11, 1948, HENRY WINSTON (member of the National Board of the Communist Party, U. S. A.) spoke regarding the international line of the Party. He referred to the Soviet Union as the country working for peace, and the United States, Great Britain and France as imperialist powers who wanted war. WINSTON said the Party must work for the unification of Germany, and that the imperialistic powers must be thrust out of Germany. (Report, 7/11/48; 67-2534-689)

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On the evening of October 9, 1948, a Communist Party meeting to protest the arrest of the twelve National Board members of the Communist Party, U.S.A., was held at the A. Leo Weil School, Center and Soho Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., with approximately 250 people in attendance.

HENRY WINSTON, one of the National Communist Party leaders under indictment, delivered the principal address with regard to the international situation. He stated that the U. S. air lift over Berlin, Germany, was not a humanitarian undertaking, but a preparation for an atom bomb attack on eastern European countries. He continued that millions of lives would be lost in an atom war and for that reason, he opposed the bi-partisan war policy of the U. S. WINSTON concluded that he personally would not support such a war if it were started by the bi-partisans and the Wall Street bankers. (Report, 10/9/48; 67-2534-731).

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C. PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM

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On May 31, 1945, a meeting of the District Communist Political Association, Board and Club Leaders was held at the Communist Political Association Headquarters, 426 Bakewell Building, 417 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

MAX MORRIS WEISS declared that even though the Internationale had been dissolved, it did not mean that the American communists had given up the right to discuss their policies with communists in other countries. WEISS stated, "We have the right to criticize the communists in any country if we do not agree with their policies, just as DUCLOS criticized us. We are still fighting for world socialism. The struggle will continue". (Report, 5/13/45; 67-2584-30)

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A meeting of the East End Communist Political Association Club was held on June 4, 1945 at the Ritz Hotel, 214 South Beatty Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN (then a member of the National Board and National Committee of the Communist Political Association) was the principal speaker at the meeting. She asserted that the European comrades were justified in criticizing the policies of the American communists and in feeling that the American communists were hampering them in their fight for socialism by the stand they (the American Communists) had taken. (Report, 6/5/45; 67-2584-30)

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A conference of leading District Functionaries of the Communist Party was held at the Knights of Pythias Hall, 708 Arch Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on January 13, 1946.

BETTY GANNETT (then Assistant Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A.) reported that the comrades in France, England, Yugoslavia and Russia were wondering how the Communist Party of the United States was recovering from its period of revision. She stated that the comrades in these countries were anxious to know if the Party would grow to meet the rise of American Imperialism. (Report, 1/13/46; 67-2584-168)

D. DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION

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On December 7, 1943, a communist sponsored "Pearl Harbor Anniversary"

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meeting was held at the Schenley High School, 4101 Higelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER delivered the principal address, during which he stated that the American Communists' first job was to win the war or HITLER and the Fascists would be doing our post war planning. He added, however, that Communists should not forget that their real fight was to bring socialism to this country.

FOSTER also mentioned that STALIN had praised this country when he said that Russia would have lost the war but for American production; that it was, therefore, up to the American Communists not to let Russia down. (Report, 12/8/43; 67-2534-17)

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On June 22, 1945, a meeting of the East End Communist Political Association Club was held at the Croatian Fraternal Club, 4745 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

DOLLY CAYNER (then President of the East End Club and a member of the Communist Political Association District Committee), in discussing the war with Japan, stated that the American Communists must work to win the war as "we must protect the fatherland". CAYNER added that the United States must defeat Japan so that there would not be a coalition of Fascist countries surrounding the Soviet Union. (Report, 6/22/45; 67-2534-30)

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A May Day rally sponsored by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania was held on May 4, 1947, at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT MINOR (then a member of the Communist Party National Committee), principal speaker, declared that those who were plotting a reactionary war were counting on England's support in a war against the Soviet Union, but that such would not happen as England would support the Soviet Union. MINOR added that in a war against Russia, all the free people in the world would support Russia, as against the reactionaries plotting the war. (Report, 5/5/47; 67-2534-427)

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With regard to publishing houses and publications of the Communist Party, U.S.A., it is noted that [] can testify with reference to a pamphlet entitled,

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"An Open Letter to All Members of the Communist Party", which concerns the Communist Party press. A copy of this pamphlet was received by the informant at a meeting of Communist Party Club Presidents held at 440 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on April 7, 1948. A copy of this pamphlet was furnished to the Bureau under date of April 13, 1948, in the case entitled, "Communist Party, U.S.A. - Brief; Internal Security - C", (Bureau file 100-3-74). Said pamphlet is included as exhibit 602, Page 33, in Appendix C (Exhibits) of the supplement section dated May 5, 1948, of the Bureau's Brief to establish the illegal status of the Communist Party of the United States.

cc - New York

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

100-373409-92 January 26, 1949
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RE: MATTHEW CVETAC CNDI [REDACTED] REURTEL JANUARY TWENTY FOUR.

REQUEST CVETAC TO ATTEND REFERRED SANC MEETING. AUTHORITY GRANTED
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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [] EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF SLOVENIAN
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: January 26, 1949

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF
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United States
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Washington, D. C.

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The Pittsburgh Office recently advised that one of its key confidential informants, namely Matthew Cvetic (CNDI [redacted]), had disclosed his identity as a confidential informant of the Bureau, and recommended that his services with the Bureau be discontinued. By teletype dated January 4, 1949, the Pittsburgh Office was requested to review all of the reports submitted by Cvetic to determine whether he might be used effectively as a witness in this trial.

A letter dated January 19, 1949, has now been received from the Pittsburgh Office which sets forth in detail the requested information and reflects that Cvetic, through his several years' activity as a leading functionary of the Communist Party, USA, in the Pittsburgh area, can testify to not only several pertinent statements made regarding the revolutionary characteristics of the Communist Party, USA, but also concerning the use by the Party of basic Marxist-Leninist literature.

The Pittsburgh Office has also indicated that Cvetic has agreed to testify at this trial provided his testimony is accepted as that of an "undercover agent", who joined the Communist Party for the purpose of securing intelligence information, rather than that of a "stool pigeon", who joined the Communist Party believing in its principles and subsequently sold out to the Government. This is not inconsistent with the true facts inasmuch as Cvetic did contact the Bureau in February, 1942, prior to becoming associated with the Communist movement. He indicated at that time that he would join the Party for the purpose of furnishing information to the Pittsburgh Office. It is to be noted that several other informants who will be used as witnesses in this case state in their pre-trial testimony that they joined the Communist Party, USA, in order to submit reports to the FBI. Furthermore, it is the opinion of the Pittsburgh Office that Cvetic would make an intelligent as well as an effective witness, although it was pointed out that he is a moody individual, subject to alternating periods of enthusiasm, self-pity, and depression.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that Matthew Cvetic will possibly make an effective witness in this trial, it is recommended that the New York Office be authorized to discuss this matter with the United States Attorney to determine whether he desires to interview Cvetic in this connection. An appropriate teletype to the New York and Pittsburgh Offices is attached hereto for your approval.

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Retel New York to Pittsburgh, 2/14/49.

[] Desertion and Non-Support Office, Clerk of Allegheny County Court, Allegheny County Court House, Diamond and Grant Sts., Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that the records of said office reflected the following with regard to Case No. 857, of 1938, entitled "MARIE CVETIC versus MATTHEW C. CVETIC:"

On July 5, 1938, MARIE CVETIC filed an information charging MATTHEW C. CVETIC with non-support of herself and their two children. On July 21, 1938, a hearing in Non-Support was heard before Judge LOIS McBRIDE, who decreed that MATTHEW CVETIC should pay \$50.00 per month for the support of his wife and children and that he should enter his recognizance in the amount of \$1,000.

On August 1, 1938, a petition was presented before Judge FRANK A. PIEKARSKI setting forth that an agreement had been reached between MARIE and MATTHEW CVETIC whereby all monies owed by MATTHEW CVETIC were cancelled and the order made on July 21, 1938 was vacated.

On February 28, 1939, a rule was granted on MATTHEW CVETIC to show cause why the order made on July 21, 1938 should not be re-instated, and on March 19, 1939, upon hearing before Judge BENJAMIN LENCHER, it was ordered that MATTHEW CVETIC should pay his wife \$55.00 per month and enter his own recognizance of \$1,000.

On April 27, 1939, upon hearing before Judge SAMUEL McKIM, it was shown that a reconciliation had been effected between MATTHEW CVETIC and his wife and the order of March 15, 1939 was suspended.

The records contained no further information regarding non-support charges brought against MATTHEW CVETIC by his wife, MARIE CVETIC.

In addition to the above information concerning MATTHEW CVETIC, it is to be noted that the records of the Clerk of Courts of Allegheny County, City-County Building, reflect the following:

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On March 24, 1939, an information charging aggravated assault and battery was filed by ANNA M. BARSH before WILLIAM TIMMONS, Alderman, #20 Carson St., Pittsburgh, Pa., charging that on February 18, 1939, at Shaler Township, Allegheny County, Pa., MATTHEW CVETIC "did unlawfully and maliciously make an assault and with force and violence did beat, abuse and wound ANNA BARSH by throwing himself on her shoulders and violently throwing her to the floor, fracturing the wrist on her right hand."

Defendant was arrested on the above charge on March 31, 1939 and plead not guilty upon hearing before the above alderman on the same date. He was held for the Court of Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer of Allegheny County under bond of \$1,000 which was entered on March 31, 1939.

On May 11, 1939, CVETIC was indicted by the May Sessions of the 1939 Allegheny County Grand Jury under True Bill No. 466, charging aggravated assault and battery. On September 13, 1939, upon motion of the Allegheny County District Attorney and the prosecutrix, ANNA M. BARSH, a nol pros was allowed by Judge THOMAS M. MARSHALL, Allegheny County Court of Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer. The nol pros was to be entered and the county was to pay the costs of above action on condition that CVETIC make restitution in the sum of \$340.00, payable at a rate of \$20.00 per month, payment to be made through the Allegheny County Probation Office.

[redacted] Assistant Chief, Allegheny County Probation Office, Allegheny County Court House, advised that the records of his office reflected that CVETIC had made full restitution of the above sum of \$340.00 as of January 17, 1941.

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For the further information of the U. S. Attorney at New York City it is noted that the records of the Office of the Prothonotary of Allegheny County, City-County Building, reflect that in Case No. B3358 of October Term, 1945, and specifically on January 17, 1946, MARIE D. CVETIC was granted a divorce from MATTHEW C. CVETIC, it being adjudged that the respondent should pay costs of \$28.80. These costs were paid on January 18, 1946. It is to be noted that the above divorce action was uncontested by MATTHEW CVETIC and that it was granted on the ground that respondent had offered such indignities to the libellant as to render her condition intolerable and her life burdensome. It is further noted that the testimony taken at the above divorce action indicated that the respondent had called his wife obscene names, refused to take her to any public place, and had allegedly kept company with other women.

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It is to be further noted that during the course of interviews with Confidential Informant [] he has advised that the assault and battery charge brought against him by ANNA M. BARSH, his sister-in-law, was the result of an argument in his home between ANNA M. BARSH and himself concerning monies loaned him by her.

It is to be further noted that informant alleges that his wife had been an alcoholic during the entire period of their marriage and that he had not contested her divorce action due to the fact that their marriage had been an unhappy one from the outset.

New York 7, New York

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ON 1-4-84

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to New York teletypes of February 11 and February 14, 1949, concerning interview of Pittsburgh Confidential Informant [redacted] by the United States Attorney in New York City.

The following is a detailed account of the activities of Confidential Informant [redacted] while in New York City on February 11, 1949:

At approximately 8:50 a.m. the informant telephonically contacted this office and advised that he was at Pennsylvania Station, New York City. At 9:45 a.m. the informant was contacted by Special Agents EDWARD L. LUCKLEY and [redacted]. The informant was advised that he would be interviewed by Mr. EDWARD C. WALLACE, Special Assistant to the Attorney General and was to cooperate fully with Mr. WALLACE. He was advised that he should answer all questions in a true and unbiased manner; however, Mr. WALLACE was not aware of his exact identity and he should use the name of PAUL EIGAN.

At 10:45 a.m. the informant was secretly escorted to the United States Court House at Foley Square by use of a Bureau automobile and he was taken to the office of the Special Assistant to the Attorney General where Mr. WALLACE briefly interviewed him in the presence of Agent ELLIOT concerning his background, employment and education. Mr. WALLACE stated that it was necessary for him to return to the Court Room and requested that the informant write out the details concerning his background, education and employment.

The summary furnished by the informant is as follows: He was born March 4, 1909, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has resided at Pittsburgh and the surrounding communities his entire life. He attended St. Mary's Parochial School in Pittsburgh from 1915 to 1922 when he graduated. From 1922 to 1924

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he attended St. Vincent College and from 1924 to 1926 he attended the Curry Business College, Pittsburgh. In 1935 he took a correspondence course given by the International Criminologist School, Seattle, Washington. While taking this course the informant advised that he had lessons on the following subjects: Criminal psychology, fingerprinting, handwriting and graphology.

For his employment the informant listed the following:

- 1926 to 1929 - Clerk-typist for the I. W. SCOTT Company, 500 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh.
- 1929 to 1930 - Sales Manager for the Etna Furniture Company, 394 Butler Street, Etna, Pennsylvania.

In the summer of 1930 for a period of four months he was unemployed due to illness.

- 9/30 to 5/31 - Employed by the EDGAR D. MCKEAN Sales Agency, selling General Motors Radios.
- 5/31 to 12/34 - Employed by his father and later self-employed operating a service station at Shaler Township, Pennsylvania.
- 1935 - Unemployed and on relief.
- 1936 to 1937 - Employed by the WPA as a Clerk-typist and statistician in the Departments of Commerce, Labor and Justice.

For a period of fourteen months he was employed by the Department of Justice conducting a crime survey.

- 12/37 to 12/45 - Employed by the United States Department of Labor as an employment interviewer in the War Manpower Commission.
- 12/45 to 11/46 - Employed as executive secretary of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.
- 11/46 to 5/47 - Executive secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania.
- 5/47 to 11/48 - Unemployed; however, during this period he worked for the Labor Press Committee, which he identified as a Communist front organization.
- 11/48 to present he has been employed by the E. J. WALSH Agency as an insurance salesman.

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The informant listed his participation in the Communist Party and positions held as follows:

- Executive Committee member of the TOM PAINE Branch.
- Executive Committee member of the East End Club, Pittsburgh.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the North Side Club.
- Club organizer of the Lawrenceville Club. He advised that he was still a member of this club and is the club organizer.
- Member of the organization of the Educational Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party.
- Member of the District Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party.
- Member of the North Side Section Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District.
- A full member of the Nationality Commission, Western Pennsylvania District, Communist Party, USA
- A participating member of the Nationality Commission, Communist Party, USA
- Secretary of the Slavic Bureau, Communist Party, USA.

The informant listed the following positions held in Communist front organizations:

- Executive Committee member of the American Slav Congress.
- Secretary-Treasurer of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.
- Chairman of Local No. 196, CCNYA Union.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Civil Rights Congress, Pittsburgh.
- National Board Member of the Slovene-American National Council.
- Executive Secretary of the Labor Press Committee.
- Member of the International Workers Order.
- Member of the Lawrenceville Fraternal Center.
- Executive Committee member of the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania.

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Upon [] return, he was accompanied by FRANK GATSON, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and together they interrogated the informant concerning the information he had listed. In answer to their questions concerning his entrance into the Communist Party, the informant advised that in April, 1941, while employed in the United States Employment Service, he was contacted by an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and later was asked to cooperate with the FBI in furnishing information concerning Communist activities and the activities of Communist front organizations. He stated that a proximately twenty months after being contacted by the FBI he joined the Communist Party in February, 1943, where he immediately became active in a professional branch and was later transferred to Slav work for the Party.

The Attorneys questioned the informant as to whether he had ever attended any organized educational classes sponsored by the Communist Party since 1946. The informant advised that he had not; however, he was familiar with the Party's educational program which started shortly after the Communist Political Association was dissolved in 1945. The informant stated that he had attended the Communist Political Association's National Conference held in New York City in 1945 as an observer and he related how the policies of the Communist Party had reverted to the teachings of MARX and LENIN after the Communist Political Association had been dissolved. He said that he was familiar with the instructions issued by the Party to have educational classes started for the study of "MARXISM" and "LENINISM" and he was familiar with the Party's policy by reading this material and from the books which were to be used as study guides. He identified the basic books used in this study as being "The Communist Manifesto", "The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union", "Foundations of LENINISM", "State and Revolution" by LENIN and "Imperialism" by LENIN.

In response to the question what was the aim and purpose of the Communist Party of the United States, the informant advised that the Communist Party was to play the vanguard role in leading the workers to achieving Socialism and it was the aim of the Communist Party, U.S.A., to overthrow this Government by the use of force and violence and to establish a dictatorship of the proletariat. The informant advised that the Communist Party attempts to concentrate its members among the key and basic industries and

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in the District of Western Pennsylvania it has been their aim to concentrate its members among the steel and mining industries. He advised that just recently STEVE NELSON, District organizer of the Western Pennsylvania, had made the statement that unemployed members of the Party were being transferred in the steel industry.

In response to the Attorneys' question the informant stated that the National Headquarters of the Communist Party, USA, had absolute supervision over all decisions and actions taken in the Communist Party Districts of the Communist Party Clubs. He stated that he knew this from experience as orders had been issued to him to be passed along to the various clubs. He advised that he had had several conferences with GUS HALL and advised that he knew the following defendants: GILBERT GREEN, HENRY WINSTON, WILLIAM S. ROSSER and EUGENE DEWINS. He advised that he had visited the National Headquarters of the Communist Party on numerous occasions where he had contacted MAX WEISS, STEVE NELSON and other Communist functionaries.

The informant advised that the only arrests he had ever experienced had occurred because of his marital difficulties. He stated that he was divorced in January, 1946, and he has been called up twice in court for non-support; this occurred prior to his divorce. He also stated that he was arrested on an assault and battery charge for striking his sister-in-law. This occurred prior to his divorce also. He advised that approximately four months ago someone "slipped me a Mickey Finn" while drinking in Pittsburgh and when he regained consciousness he was in the Pittsburgh City Jail. He stated that he immediately was released and no further action has ever been taken concerning this.

The informant said that the Communist Party was unaware of his marital difficulties and was also unaware of the incident which occurred four months ago.

In questioning the informant concerning his background and employment, the informant described his illness to the Attorneys, which occurred in the summer of 1930. When asked for greater detail concerning this illness, the informant stated that it resulted from overwork and strain caused by his work as sales manager for the Etna Furniture Company. He stated that he developed a heart phobia and was confined to bed for a period of

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a week. He further stated that his treatment during his illness in 1930 was administered at home by a medical doctor who was treating him for heart trouble and it was approximately two years later that he discovered his heart ailment to be a heart phobia after consulting a psychiatrist. He stated that he periodically contacts this psychiatrist for a check up. He described the psychiatrist as reliable and was certain that nothing from this illness was thought by his family to be heart trouble and that the Communist Party was unaware of it. He further advised that he was classified in the draft as 1-A and was deferred because of being a family man.

The Attorneys stated that since they had not received copies of the informant's reports that they did not desire to further question him at this time and desired an interview with him at a later date after they had had an opportunity to review his reports. [redacted] privately advised it was his opinion that the informant would make a good Government witness. They requested that all exhibits furnished by the informant be submitted for them to review and also all his reports since April 1, 1945, be submitted. The Pittsburgh Office by referenced teletype was requested to submit this information.

Upon the conclusion of the interview with [redacted] and Mr. GORDON, the informant was escorted from the United States Court House in a Bureau car by Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and was taken to the Pennsylvania Station where he boarded the Pennsylvania train leaving New York at 2:25 p.m. on February 11, 1949, and was scheduled to arrive in Pittsburgh at 11:55 p.m. that night.

The United States Attorney's Office subsequently advised that in addition to all reports and exhibits subsequent to April 1, 1945, being submitted to this office, they also desired that the informant's Selective Service record be checked and all information contained therein be reported. The United States Attorneys further desired that the court records concerning the informant's non-support charges be checked so as to verify the information and to obtain the complete details.

This information was furnished to the Bureau and Pittsburgh by teletype, dated February 14, 1949, and the Pittsburgh Office was requested to expedite this request.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and the Pittsburgh Office.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, PITTSBURGH

2/15/49

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Retel New York to Pittsburgh, 2/14/49, advising that the U. S. Attorney, New York City, N.Y., desired that the Selective Service record of ONDI [] be checked and all information contained therein obtained.

For the information of the Philadelphia Office, ONDI [] is MATTHEW C. CVETIC, who was a registrant of Allegheny County Local Draft Board #12, Municipal Building, Millvale, Pa., during World War II. CVETIC, born 3/4/09, resided at 919 Butler St., 830 Sarah St., and 924 Saxonburg Blvd., all Etna, Pa., during the period of his registration with Local Board #12.

It is requested that the Philadelphia Office immediately secure all information in CVETIC's Selective Service file in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and furnish same to the New York Office, air mail, special delivery.

cc: New York (AMSD)
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OF PITTSBURGH CNDI [REDACTED] BY USA IN NY. USA ADVISES THAT IN
ADDITION TO ALL REPORTS AND EXHIBITS SUBSEQUENT TO APRIL ONE,
NINETEEN FORTYFIVE HE ALSO DESIRES THAT INFORMANTS SELECTIVE SERVICE
RECORD BE CHECKED AND ALL INFO CONTAINED THEREIN BE REPORTED. ACCORDING
TO US, INFORMANT ADVISED THAT PRIOR TO HIS DIVORCE IN NINETEEN FORTY FIVE
HE WAS BROUGHT INTO COURT IN PITTSBURGH ON NON SUPPORT CHARGES BROUGHT
BY HIS WIFE. USA DESIRES THAT COURT RECORDS BE CHECKED TO VERIFY THIS
AND TO OBTAIN COMPLETE DETAILS. PITTSBURGH REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE
FOREGOING REQUESTS AND SUBMIT INFO AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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TODAY BY SP. ASSTS. TO AG [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] IN PRESENCE OF BUREAU
AGENT. INFORMANT QUESTIONED AS TO BACKGROUND, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT
AND ENTRANCE INTO CP. INFORMANT ALSO QUESTIONED AS TO POSITIONS HELD
IN PARTY. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT HE HAD ATTENDED NO ORGANIZED EDUCA-
TIONAL CLASSES SPONSORED BY THE PARTY SINCE NINETEEN FORTYSIX, HOW-
EVER, HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE PARTY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SINCE THE DIS-
SOLUTION OF THE CPA IN NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. INFORMANT IDENTIFIED THE
BASIC BOOKS USED BY CP IN ITS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND STATED THAT THE
AIM OF THE CP, USA WAS TO OVERTHROW THIS GOVERNMENT BY THE USE OF
FORCE AND VIOLENCE AND TO ESTABLISH THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARI-
AT. THE INFORMANT RELATED HOW THE CP CONCENTRATES ITS MEMBERS IN KEY
INDUSTRY. INFORMANT STATED THAT THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE CP,
USA, HAS ABSOLUTE SUPERVISION OVER DECISIONS AND ACTIONS IN THE
DISTRICTS AND CLUBS. INFORMANT STATED HE ATTENDED THE NATIONAL CPA
CONVENTION IN NINETEEN FORTYFIVE AT THE TIME CPA DISSOLVED AS AN
OBSERVER. INFORMANT HAS HAD CONFERENCE WITH GUS HALL AND KNOWS

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DEFENDANTS GREEN, WINSTON, FOSTER AND DENNIS. SINCE INFORMANT-S REPORTS HAVE NOT ARRIVED, ATTORNEYS WERE UNABLE TO INTERVIEW HIM IN DETAIL AND STATED THEY ^{DESIRED} ~~WANT~~ TO INTERVIEW INFORMANT AT A LATER DATE AFTER THEY HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW HIS REPORTS. ATT-Y STATED THAT IT APPEARED THAT INFORMANT WOULD MAKE A GOOD GOVERNMENT WITNESS. ATTORNEYS REQUESTED THAT ALL EXHIBITS FURNISHED BY INFORMANT BE SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE AND ALL REPORTS SINCE APRIL ONE, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE LIKEWISE BE SUBMITTED. INFORMANT DEPARTED NYC TODAY, THREE TWENTYFIVE PM, VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD, ARRIVING PITTSBURGH, ELEVEN FIFTY FIVE PM TONIGHT. CHECK RESULTING FROM SUBPOENA WILL BE FORWARDED TO PITTSBURGH TO REIMBURSE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT FUND. PITTSBURGH WILL SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY TO NY ALL EXHIBITS FURNISHED BY INFORMANT AND ALL REPORTS SINCE APRIL ONE, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE.

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CP, USA-BRIEF, ISC. REBUTEL JAN. TWENTY SIX LAST AUTHORIZING NEW YORK
TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF PITTSBURGH LETTER OF JAN. NINETEEN LAST WITH USA
TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE DESIRES TO INTERVIEW PITTSBURGH CNDI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS PROSPECTIVE WITNESS IN PRESENT CP TRIAL. USA, UPON BEING ADVISED
OF CONTENTS OF AFOREMENTIONED TEL AND LET, ADVISED HE DOES DESIRE TO
INTERVIEW INFORMANT. PITTSBURGH OFFICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THIS
INFORMANT AND ASCERTAIN WHEN HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW WITH
THE USA IN NY. IT SHOULD BE IMPRESSED UPON THE INFORMANT THAT TIME IS
OF THE ESSENCE AND THIS INTERVIEW SHOULD TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
USA REQUESTS THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO HAVE INFORMANT PROCEED TO
NYC IMMEDIATELY. INFORMANT UPON ARRIVAL IN NYC SHOULD CONTACT TELE-
PHONICALLY SA JOHN WACKS, AT FBI TELEPHONE RECTOR TWO DASH THREE
FIVE ONE FIVE FOR INSTRUCTIONS RE INTERVIEW. AN AGENT OF THE NYO
WILL BE PRESENT WHILE INFORMANT IS BEING INTERVIEWED BY USA. BECAUSE
OF THE TIME ELEMENT AIRPLANE FACILITIES SHOULD BE UTILIZED IF
INFORMANT IS NOT OPPOSED TO THIS MODE OF TRANSPORTATION AND IF
INFORMANT IS ASSISTED IN MAKING RESERVATIONS IT SHOULD BE HANDLED ON
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CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, PITTSBURGH OFFICE SHOULD MAKE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INFORMANTS ROUND TRIP TICKET, HOTEL EXPENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES. INFORMANT AT CONCLUSION OF INTERVIEW WITH USA WILL BE ISSUED SUBPOENA UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME AND A VOUCHER WILL BE DRAWN UP FROM THIS SUBPOENA AND THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE FURNISHED WITH THE MONEY RESULTING THEREFROM. FOR SECURITY REASONS IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE INFORMANT LEAVE NYC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TERMINATION OF INTERVIEW WITH USA AND THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE SHOULD INSTRUCT THIS INFORMANT ACCORDINGLY. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS TEL PITTSBURGH OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD NY PERTINENT REPORTS OF INFORMANT COVERING MATERIAL SET OUT IN AFOREMENTIONED LETTER. PITTSBURGH ALSO REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE NEW YORK OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY INFORMANT. FICTITIOUS NAME OF PAUL SLOAN SHOULD BE USED BY INFORMANT IN NEW YORK AND HOTEL RESERVATION WILL BE MADE UNDER THAT NAME.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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ON 7/13/01

Retel New York to Pittsburgh, 2/25/49.

Dr. JOHN A. MALCOLM, Psychiatrist, Third Floor, Physicians' Building, 121 University Place, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that MALCOLM CVETIC had been a patient of his office since 1933; that he was well-acquainted with CVETIC and could definitely state the latter was mentally sound and had no condition or illness which would affect his credibility.

MALCOLM continued that in 1933 CVETIC had been the victim of a firmly fixed "anxiety neurosis" being unjustifiably convinced that he suffered from heart disease. This anxiety or "heart phobia" had no basis in fact, although at the time, CVETIC did evidence some heart palpitation. After some treatment, CVETIC was convinced that he did not actually have heart trouble and his neurosis was definitely improved. During the intervening years, CVETIC has at periods varying from six months to two years returned to Dr. MALCOLM for physical check up and further reassurance that his heart is actually sound.

Dr. MALCOLM re-iterated, however, that CVETIC's periodic visits to his office should not be construed as being unusual, since the latter merely sought reassurance with regard to recurring doubts about his heart. Dr. MALCOLM emphasized, in conclusion, that CVETIC was absolutely sound mentally. RUC.

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cc: Mr. Donohue ✓
Mr. Cattaneo, 1734

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, IS-C. RELET NEW YORK TO BUREAU,
MARCH 7, LAST. NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
TEN A.M., MARCH 27, AT HOTEL SHELTON NEW YORK.
AVAILABLE FOR COVERAGE. BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE
EXPENSE NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY DOLLARS.

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Reference is made to New York letter dated March 7, 1949, in which it was suggested that Pittsburgh Informant [] may possibly be able to attend the AAC National Committee meeting in New York City on March 27, 1949.

In the event [] is invited to this conference, you are requested to advise the Bureau of the informant's estimated expenses and request specific authorization to make the expenditure.

CC New York

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Director, FBI

RE: AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(Bureau File #100-56674)

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Dear Sir:

Confidential Informant NYT 325 reports that the ASC National Committee will meet in New York City March 27 next. Exact place of meeting not known at this time. The future role of the ASC in the peace offensive will be discussed. It is believed that coverage of this meeting is desirable and necessary for proper investigation of this case. New York has no informant for such coverage.

It is believed that CNDI [] will be invited to attend this meeting. The attendance of [] at this meeting would make available information which would not be available to this office through other sources.

Pittsburgh will alert [] so that he might facilitate such invitation if possible. Pittsburgh will ascertain what expenditures will be needed to have [] attend this meeting and submit such estimate to the Bureau.

Bureau approval for necessary and reasonable expenditures for [] to attend this meeting is requested.

The Pittsburgh Office is requested to handle this matter as expeditiously as possible.

Further information relating to this meeting will be furnished as received.

cc: Pittsburgh

Very truly yours, []

AS:DM
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EDWARD SCHMIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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CPUSA, BRIEF, ISC REMYLET FEB FIFTEEN LAST CONCERNING CONF. INF.

[REDACTED] USA HAS REQUESTED THAT THE PSYCHIATRIST TREATING
THIS INFORMANT BE INTERVIEWED TO ASCERTAIN IF INFORMANT HAS ANY
CONDITION OR ILLNESS WHICH WOULD AFFECT HIS CREDIBILITY AS A WITNESS.
USA FEARS THAT ANY WEAKNESS ALONG THIS LINE WILL BE BROUGHT OUT ON
CROSS EXAMINATION OF INFORMANT. PITTSBURGH REQUESTED EXPEDITE THIS
REQUEST.

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Re: New York to Pittsburgh, 1/11/49.

to the New York Office.

There are submitted under separate cover, registered mail, 12 bound volumes containing all available exhibits and all reports submitted to this office by CIDI 1-11, from 1/1/45 to 2/3/49, with the exception of a few miscellaneous reports submitted by informant regarding individuals within the Pittsburgh area, which are not pertinent to this case. The above volumes have been identified on each of these covers as "Pittsburgh Reports and exhibits of CIDI [redacted] since the latter was the cover name assigned [redacted] by the New York Office for the purposes of this case.

It is noted that none of the aforesaid exhibits submitted by informant were not properly identified at the time of their receipt and that identification of some at this time does not appear plausible.

It is further noted that all identified exhibits have been marked as having been received by Agents of this office from "CIDI 1-11," informant's cover name in Pittsburgh. The lone exception to the above is a newspaper clipping entitled "Arriving atop the Race Hill," issued by the Communist Party, 12, Racewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., and identified as being furnished "from [redacted] 2/10/49." This clipping, captioned as 67-2554-177, appears in volume 2 of the reports being furnished to New York.

The above is being called to the attention of the New York Office inasmuch as it would appear desirable to withhold [redacted] confidential symbol from the list of New York City. It is further noted that in the event [redacted] should have access to the above clipping during the course of future interviews with the KKK of New York City, informant might be apprised of his confidential symbol number. This possibility would be most undesirable since informant, as the Bureau is aware, has indicated that he would like to write a book concerning his organization as a member of the Communist Party.

With regard to many of the exhibits submitted by informant, it is to be noted that some are not available to this office since they have been previously furnished to the Bureau in connection with instant case and to the New York Office in connection with investigations conducted by that office regarding the National Labor Union, Civil Rights Congress and various committees for restoration of foreign born.

It is requested that the New York Office advise [redacted] in the event

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Attoburg to Director
February 14, 1949

Re: Communist Party, USA - Brief
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Current and future reports received from informant are desired by the FBI at New York City.

It is further requested that the New York Office return all reports and exhibits of [redacted] once they have served the purpose of the FBI at New York City.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 24, 1949

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

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Relet Pittsburgh to Bureau dated March 2, 1949, in the case entitled, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - BRIEF; INTERNAL SECURITY - C" (Bureau File 100-3174), reflecting that Dr. JOHN A. MALCOLM, Psychiatrist, Third Floor, Physicians Building, 121 University Place, Pittsburgh, Pa., had advised that captioned informant was mentally sound and had no condition or illness which would affect his credibility.

During the course of the interview with Dr. MALCOLM, the latter mentioned that he had once questioned CVETIC regarding local newspaper accounts which indicated that CVETIC was connected with the Communist Party or Communist Party Front organizations; that CVETIC had said MALCOLM should not worry about such articles since he (CVETIC) was on the Government's side. MALCOLM added that he had not questioned CVETIC further in this regard.

It is noted that although the above would probably constitute a confidential communication between physician and patient, it might also be interpreted as another occasion on which informant has disclosed his relationship with this Bureau to an unauthorized person.

The above is submitted for the Bureau's information, it being noted that Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau dated December 23, 1948, regarding this informant recommended his discontinuance.

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The following is the record of FBI number

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Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
St. C. S. Comm. Harrisburg, Pa.	Matthew C. Gvetic #H-3025	Sr. Parole Office 3-31-42		
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3-21-89 BY SPAG/cyk				
ENCLOSURE				
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Dr. B. S. Sanders 1310 Dept. of Justice Wash., D. C.	Matthew C. Cvetic #--	applicant F.P. 6-24-36		
	The following is the description of this individual appearing on print #H-3025, St. C. S. Comm., Harrisburg, Pa.:			
	Color, white; sex, male; date of birth, 3-4-09; height, 5 feet - 4½ inches; weight, 136 pounds; hair, brown; eyes, blue; complexion, med.; build, average; birthplace, Pittsburgh, Pa.; residence, Saxonburg Blvd., Glenshaw; scars and marks, left hand 3rd knuckle ring finger knife scar.			

SAC, Pittsburgh

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April 6, 1949

Director, FBI

MATTHEW CVETIC

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A check of the Identification Division of the Bureau has resulted in the location of a record of this informant under FBI number 3607985 and is set forth below:

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June 8, 1949

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Reurlet dated May 18, 1949, concerning the continuance of this informant.

It will be recalled that not only has Cvetic been considered for discontinuance by your office and the Seat of Government, but he, himself, has shown a reluctance to continue in a confidential capacity. Cvetic has been interviewed several times in connection with the current CP trial and he may be of value to the case before the trial is over. In the meantime he is still in a position to furnish valuable assistance and authority is given to continue payment to him at the rate of \$65 per week, plus \$20 per week for expenses, effective June 1, 1949, for an additional period of three months.

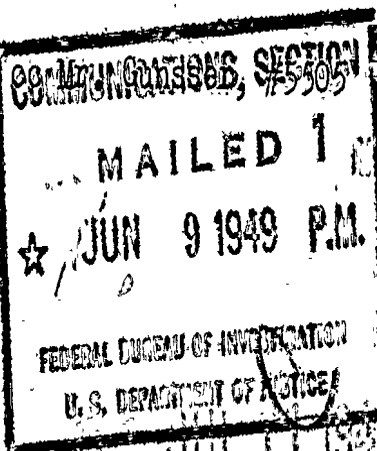
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5-18-49

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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ReBulet, 11-22-48, which authorized payment to the above informant of \$65 per week plus \$20 per week for expenses for a period of six months, effective December 1, 1948; Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau, 12-23-48, which recommended discontinuance of CVETIC as a confidential national defense informant; and Butel, 1-5-49, advising that consideration should be given to the possibility of using [] as a witness in the trial against the CP leaders at New York City, New York.

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Informant has stated that he would be a cooperative witness at the above trial, and he is currently being considered by the U. S. Attorney at New York City as a possible witness. He was interviewed by the U. S. Attorney's Office at New York City on February 11, 1949, and was again interviewed by Assistant to the Attorney General LAWRENCE BAILEY at Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 6, 7, and 9, 1949. Throughout the period of these interviews informant has been most cooperative and has reiterated his desire to testify at the CP trial in behalf of the Government.

Since December 1, 1948, informant has continued to submit almost daily reports and exhibits concerning CP and CP front activities and leaders in the Pittsburgh area. He has also submitted complete reports regarding the Fifteenth Anniversary National Conference of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born held at Chicago, Illinois, December 11 and 12, 1948; an executive board meeting of the Slovenian American National Council held at Chicago, Illinois, on January 29, 1949; and a meeting of the National Committee of the American Slovenian Congress held at New York City on March 27, 1949.

Pending determination of informant's use as a witness at the CP trial in New York, it is recommended that he be continued as an informant at the rate of \$65 per week plus \$20 per week for expenses, effective June 1, 1949.

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CPUSA, BRIEF, ISC. USA DESIRES PITTSBURGH INFORMANT [REDACTED]
TO IMMEDIATELY PROCEED NY FOR INTERVIEW. IT IS FELT THAT THIS IN-
FORMANT WILL FOLLOW WITNESS WHO IS ON STAND AT PRESENT. INDICATIONS
ARE THAT DIRECT TESTIMONY OF PRESENT WITNESS WILL END SOMETIME TODAY
AND CROSS EXAMINATION BEGIN. IMPERATIVE THAT INFORMANT BE IN NY TODAY.
PITTSBURGH SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT HIM AND ARRANGE FOR HIS AIR TRAVEL
TO NY. PITTSBURGH ADVISE TELEPHONICALLY NY RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH
INFORMANT AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. AGENTS THIS OFFICE WILL MEET IN-
FORMANT AT AIR TERMINAL. FOR INFO PITTSBURGH OFFICE, BUREAU HAS
AUTHORIZED ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE INFORMANT BY THE AGENT WHO HANDLES
[REDACTED] THIS AUTHORITY BASED ON FACT THAT INFORMANTS EASE
OF MIND WILL BE GREATER IF THE AGENT WITH WHOM HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED
IS AT HAND AND ALSO, ON FACT THAT AGENT CAN RECALL ORAL REMARKS OF
INFORMANT IN CONNECTION WITH REPORTS SUBMITTED BY INFORMANT, AND,
AS SUCH WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO USA IN PREPARING INFORMANT
AS WITNESS. USA DESIRES THAT AGENT ACCOMPANY INFORMANT. PITTSBURGH
ALSO ADVISE IF AN AGENT WILL ACCOMPANY INFORMANT.

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CPUSA, BRIEF, ISC. SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL LAURENCE BAILEY, WHO IS ASSISTING USA IN PROSECUTION OF CP LEADERS, INTENDS TO LEAVE NY TODAY FOR PITTSBURGH FOR PURPOSES OF INTERVIEWING PITTSBURGH [REDACTED] AS PROSPECTIVE WITNESS IN INSTANT CASE. TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CALL FOR BAILEY TO LEAVE NY VIA COLONIAL AIRLINES AT SIX TEN PM, EDT, ARRIVING PITTSBURGH EIGHT TWELVE PM, EDT. PITTSBURGH SHOULD CONTACT INFORMANT AND ASCERTAIN IF HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW THIS EVENING AS WELL AS FRIDAY AND SAT. OF THIS WEEK. PITTS. SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT THE SECURITY OF THE INFORMANT IS PARAMOUNT AND NO ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE UNLESS FULL SECURITY IS HAD. PITTSBURGH TELEPHONICALLY ADVISE NY OF RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH INFORMANT.

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CP USA-BRIEF, IS-C. REMYTEL AND PITTSBURGH TELEPHONE CALL THIS
DATE. SPECIAL ASST. TO THE AG, LAWRENCE BAILEY, WILL LEAVE NY
VIA CAPITOL AIRLINES EIGHT AM EDT ON FRIDAY, MAY SIX, NEXT, ARRIVING
PITTSBURGH AT TEN ZERO TWO AM EDT FOR PURPOSES OF INTERVIEWING
PITTSBURGH INFORMANT [redacted] PITTSBURGH REQUESTED TO MEET
BAILEY AT AIR TERMINAL AND ALSO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATION FOR WEEKEND.

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CP, USA DASH BRIEF, IS DASH C. CNDI [REDACTED] ADVISED
 THAT ANN PRPICH, COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA MEMBER AND FORMER JUGO-
 SLAV EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, NOW SECRETARY OF PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF
 WESTERN PA., TODAY STATED IN PITTSBURGH OFFICE OF AMERICAN SLAV
 CONGRESS THAT IF THERE WERE ANY STOOL PIGEONS AROUND, THEY HAD BETTER
 WATCH THEMSELVES OR THEY WOULD GET SAME THING PHILBRICK IS GOING
 TO GET. BASIS FOR PRPICH STATEMENT UNKNOWN, BUT SHE IS CLOSE
 ASSOCIATE OF STEVE NELSON, DISTRICT COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI INFORMANT MUST ATTEND COMMUNIST
PARTY SLOVENE BUREAU MEETING, CLEVELAND, OHIO, MAY 22 NEXT.
BUREAU REQUESTED SUTEL AUTHORITY EXPENSES UP TO TWENTY FIVE
DOLLARS.

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AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS IS-C. REBUTEL MARCH SIXTEEN NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY
NINE. INSTRUCT [redacted] TO CONTACT SA AL SAVIOLA NEW YORK
OFFICE. ADVISE WHERE INFORMANT WILL STAY AND TIME OF ARRIVAL HERE.

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INFORMANT'S EXPENSES UP TO TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS ATTENDANCE CP SLOVENE

BUREAU MEETING, CLEVELAND, MAY TWENTY-TWO.

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MATTHEW OVETIC, ONDI

RE PITTSBURGH

TEL FIVE TWENTYSEVEN. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO PAY UP TO SEVENTYFIVE
DOLLARS EXPENSES ATTENDANCE INFORMANT MEETING CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
CHICAGO JUNE FOUR AND FIVE. PITTSBURGH SHOULD MAKE NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS WITH CHICAGO TO CONTACT INFORMANT IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

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MATTHEW QVETIC, CNDI INFORMANT INVITED TO ATTEND MEETING
OF CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS CHAPTER SECRETARIES, ELM HOUSE, CHICAGO,
JUNE 4 AND 5TH. AUTHORITY TO PAY UP TO 75 DOLLARS EXPENSES REQUESTED
IF COVERAGE DESIRED.

THORNTON

cc. Mr. Donohue

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [REDACTED] INFORMANT INVITED TO EMERGENCY MEETING OF AMERICAN SLAV CONGRESS, NATIONAL COMMITTEE, AT YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN HOME, NEW YORK CITY, 8:00 P.M., JULY 15, NEXT. INFORMANT EXPECTS OTHER ASC OR COMMUNIST PARTY NATIONALITY MEETINGS TO BE HELD FOLLOWING DAY. IN ANY EVENT, INFORMANT WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND BILL OF RIGHTS CONFERENCE AT NEW YORK ON JULY 16 AND 17 BY LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY IF HE IS IN NEW YORK CITY. SUTEL BUREAU AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED \$75.00 IF ABOVE COVERAGE DESIRED.

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cc - Mr. Gunsser room 5505

SAC, Pittsburgh

September 1, 1949

Director, FBI

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MATTHEW CVETIC

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Reurlet dated August 22, 1949, summarizing your relations with the above-named informant who has been considered for discontinuance not only by your office but by the Seat of Government due to his neurotic nature and the fact that he has disclosed his confidential relationship with the Bureau. Until his value as a possible witness at the current Communist Party trial could be determined, he has been carried as an informant and is receiving the same rate of compensation as in the past, namely, \$65.00 a week plus \$20.00 per week for his expenses. According to referenced letter, it is about one year since the informant disclosed his confidential relationship with the Bureau which evidently has not reacted unfavorably as far as his activity in Communist Party matters is concerned.

The Bureau appreciates the value of this informant's coverage of Communist Party and related activities but in view of his personality, there is always a strong possibility that he will cause the Bureau embarrassment in the future. His repeated requests for increased compensation have made his handling by your office a difficult problem and it is due to these demands that the Bureau insisted upon itemized expense accounts.

It is noted from referenced letter that the informant's expenses are regularly in excess of \$20.00 per week which has been authorized and it was your opinion that consideration be given to his future retention if he is willing to continue at the present rate of remuneration. It is the opinion of the Bureau that it is only a matter of time before Cvetic will either voluntarily or through some of his activities cease to be of value and it will be necessary, therefore, for you to obtain other informant coverage which is now provided by him. You should, therefore, emphasize your efforts to expand your present informant coverage to offset the discontinuance of Cvetic which is bound to occur in the future. Due to his personality and other factors, it is very likely that this discontinuance will be sooner than expected. In the meantime Cvetic may be of some value to the present Communist Party trial in New York City and there is no doubt that his coverage of Communist Party activities as it relates to Slavic groups is extensive and extremely valuable.

Authority is given to continue payments to Cvetic which may be made at the suggested rate of \$85.00 per week and it is to be understood that all the informant's expenses are to be paid from this \$85.00 per week. It will be your personal responsibility to supervise the handling of this informant to be sure that no embarrassment results to the Bureau from your operation. The authority to continue payments to Cvetic may be considered effective September 1, 1949, for a period of six months.

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FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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It is noted that it has been approximately one year since captioned individual disclosed his confidential relationship with this Bureau to [redacted] Assistant Supervisor Of Personnel, Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., as set out in relet of December 23, 1948. At that time this office recommended the immediate discontinuance of CVETIC in view of the fact that he had also disclosed his relations with this Bureau to his eldest brother, a girl friend, and the latter's parents in 1947 and had been emphatically advised by this office in 1947 that the Bureau would not countenance any further disclosure of his confidential relationship to anyone. However, since informant's lapse with regard to [redacted] in August, 1948 and the above-mentioned four individuals in 1947 has apparently had no effect on his relations with the local or national CP offices or the various CP front groups with which he is affiliated nor with regard to his value to this Bureau in reporting on the activities of same, this letter is submitted for the Bureau's consideration looking toward the possible retention of CVETIC as a confidential informant of this office.

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With reference to informant's activities in the Bureau's behalf, it is pointed out that since January 1, 1949, CVETIC has submitted typewritten reports setting forth the details of the following CP and CP front activities in the Pittsburgh area.

- 23 meetings of the North Side Section Committee of the CP of Pittsburgh
- 9 meetings of the National Groups Commission of the CP of Western Pennsylvania
- 2 meetings of the District Committee of the CP of Western Pennsylvania
- 13 miscellaneous CP meetings which have included three meetings of "leading functionaries of the CP of Western Pennsylvania"

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- 9 meetings of the Executive Committee of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania
- 7 meetings of the Civil Rights Congress of Western Pennsylvania including a Civil Rights Congress Conference held at Pittsburgh on June 26, 1949
- 2 meetings of the Lawrenceville Club of the CP of Pittsburgh, it being noted that this club has been relatively inactive for the past six months
- 1 meeting, a founding conference, of the Labor Youth League of Western Pennsylvania.

Informant has also submitted a great many miscellaneous reports with regard to the activities of STEVE NELSON and BILL ALBERTSON, Chairman and Secretary of the CP of Western Pennsylvania respectively. It appears that CVETIC has the confidence of these individuals and that they advise him of top level CP policy in this district. In addition informant submits frequent reports regarding other local CP leaders of the American Slav Congress, Civil Rights Congress, Labor Youth League of Western Pennsylvania, Union of American Croatsians (formerly known as National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent), Federation of American Croatian Women, and the Progressive Party. Recently he has submitted limited information with regard to the Polish and Czechoslovak Consulate at Pittsburgh. Informant has also aided this office in following the activities of such national CP and CP front figures as ARNOLD JOHNSON (Chairman of National Groups Commission, CP-USA), SAM MILGROM (General Director of the International Workers Order), WILLIAM PATTERSON (National Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress) LEO KRZYCKI (National President of the American Slav Congress), GEORGE PIRINSKY (National Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress), and JOHN MARSALKA (National Vice President of the American Slav Congress) on occasions when these individuals have visited Pittsburgh. Informant has also been regularly contacted by this office with regard to practically all individuals investigated under the Loyalty of Government Employees Program and with regard to many individuals investigated under the Atomic Energy Act Program.

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MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI [REDACTED]

It is conceded that he is by far the best national defense informant retained by this office and that if his services were discontinued the source of much of the information reported by this office with regard to the CP and particularly with regard to foreign language front groups would be necessarily curtailed.

On a national scale CVETIC has furnished typewritten reports setting out details of the following activities subsequent to January 1, 1949:

- 2 meetings of the National Board of the Slovenian--American National Council held at Chicago, Illinois, on January 29 and July 30, 1949.
- 2 meetings of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress held at New York City on March 27 and July 15, 1949.
- 1 meeting of the Slovene Buro of the CP-USA held at Cleveland, Ohio, on May 22, 1949.
- 1 meeting (conference) of Divisional Civil Rights Congress Secretaries held at Chicago, Illinois, on June 4 and 5, 1949.
- The Bill of Rights Conference held at New York City on July 16 and 17, 1949.

It appears that informant is of value to the Chicago and New York Offices, offices of origin, in the cases entitled, "Communist Infiltration of Slovenian--American National Council, aka, Internal Security-C," and American Slav Congress, Internal Security-C, Registration Act," respectively. Practically all of the literature emanating from the National Offices of the two organizations mentioned above is furnished to this office by CVETIC and is subsequently forwarded to the Chicago and New York Offices. A review of the investigative reports submitted by Chicago and New York in the above cases indicates that the Chicago Office relies upon [REDACTED] for practically all of its information on the Slovenian--American National Council case and that New York reports much of the material submitted by this informant in its American Slav Congress case.

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As the Bureau has been advised in relets from this office, the Pittsburgh Office has sought to retain CVETIC because of his conceded value despite his neurotic personality and complexes which have posed many problems for this office. The basis for nearly all of these problems is CVETIC'S insatiable desire for salary increases, same being caused by his refusal to regulate his personal life so that he might live within his income.

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It is noted that the weekly salary and expenses paid informant by the Bureau have been supplemented occasionally by funds paid him by CP or CP front groups for part time services rendered by him to such groups. Since December 9, 1948, CVETIC has also received nominal sums from his ostensible employer, the Edward J. Waldman Insurance Agency at Pittsburgh in connection with his solicitation of insurance for that agency. The principal reason for CVETIC'S securing this position at the Waldman Agency was to furnish him with a "cover" for his activities in the Bureau's behalf.

For the Bureau's current information CVETIC continues to reside at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh where he pays a monthly rental of \$105, and he has stated that he presently has outstanding notes covering loans secured by him at local banks which approximate \$1200. CVETIC has also advised that he is no longer legally bound to pay \$75 per month for the support of his twin sons by his divorced wife since these boys are now eighteen years of age. He has also stated that he expects substantial remuneration from his insurance business during the next two or three months which will enable him to pay off some of his present debts.

Informant, unaware of his present status with the Bureau, has repeatedly requested that his weekly remuneration be increased to \$100 per week, his request being based on what he considers his current value to the Bureau in the coverage of local and national CP activities. When questioned concerning his plans in the event this sum is not forthcoming, CVETIC has stated that unless he could be assured of the above amount within some reasonable time he "would be forced to give consideration to seeking new employment." Informant emphasized, however, that his statements were not to be considered as "threats to discontinue his relationship with the Bureau" and that he did not desire to cease his activities in the Bureau's behalf unless forced to do so because of his personal financial difficulties.

In this regard it is noted that informant has repeatedly made requests for increased compensation during the past two years on the basis that if said requests were not complied with he "would be forced to give

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consideration toward seeking other employment." It is also noted that in the past CVETIC has taken no positive action when the requested amounts were not forthcoming.

As an example of informant's changing attitudes, it is pointed out that on December 31, 1948, CVETIC advised this office that he would refuse to file weekly expense accounts after January 1, 1949, as required by this office and the Bureau. However, on January 7, 1949, he advised that he had reconsidered and that he would continue to submit such accounts. It is noted that since that time he has regularly objected to filing these weekly accounts although he has continued to do so to date. CVETIC claims that he cannot keep an accurate day to day account of his expenses since his security might be endangered if he lost papers on which he kept such an account. He has maintained, however, that the accounts filed by him are generally accurate. In the informant's behalf it should be pointed out that despite his continual arguments for more money and his objections to filing his expense accounts that neither the volume of his activities in the CP and its affiliated groups nor the quality of his reports has suffered.

This office realizes that CVETIC'S request for an increase in salary to \$100 per week is unreasonable especially in view of the Bureau's current budget. However, it is the thought of this office that inasmuch as his disclosures of his relationship with this Bureau have not jeopardized his value to date that some consideration should be given to his possible future retention in the event he is willing to continue at his present rate of remuneration. It is felt that in view of informant's continued complaints in regard to filing a weekly expense account that the Bureau might also consider the possibility of authorizing informant to discontinue the submission of these weekly accounts and to pay him a weekly compensation of \$85 per week, especially in view of the fact that his weekly expense accounts are submitted regularly in excess of \$20 per week.

The Bureau's observations and advice are requested on the possibilities of retaining CVETIC in the future at a salary of \$85 per week.

Pending a decision in this matter, it is recommended that CVETIC be continued as an informant at the rate of \$65 per week plus \$20 per week for expenses, effective September 1, 1949.

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TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: September 2, 1949

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

CNDI

(Bureau file #66-2542)

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By report dated August 22, 1949 [] informed that the office of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania presently located at 1005 Berger Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. is to be closed effective August 31, 1949. [] stated that the office equipment at the American Slav Congress will be divided between 1916 East Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., the Communist Party and 943 Liberty Avenue. [] stated a Post Office box has been secured in the New Post Office Building by the Executive Secretary MATTHEW CVETIC and the Box Number is 1975.

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By report dated August 24, 1949, [] informed that on Wednesday afternoon, August 24, 1949, at approximately 12 Noon, MATTHEW CVETIC, Executive Secretary of the American Slav Congress met with STEVE NELSON, District Chairman, Communist Party, District 5, Pittsburgh, in the office of the American Slav Congress, 1005 Berger Building, Pittsburgh, for the purpose of discussing the Slav Congress activities.

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[] stated that CVETIC asked NELSON what he thought of the idea of having a desk and telephone for the American Slav Congress at 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh. According to the report, NELSON thought this was a good idea and CVETIC said he would discuss it with MILO MAMULA to see what he thought about the idea. CVETIC told NELSON he is arranging to have everything moved on Tuesday night by the moving company and that the multigraph machine would be taken to the "NARODNI GLASNIK", 1916 East Street, Pittsburgh.

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On August 24, 1949, [] telephonically advised this office that MILO MAMULA was excited about something and told MATT CVETIC he was going to "resent it". [] stated that the discussion between MAMULA and CVETIC possibly pertained to the fact that the American Slav Congress is planning to move from its present address in the Berger Building in order to save the \$38.00 per month rent and further that apparently the American Slav Congress intends to move into 943 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh. [] stated MATT CVETIC told MAMULA that STEVE NELSON agreed that the offices of the American Slav Congress should be moved into 943 Liberty Avenue. [] stated that MAMULA opposed the presence of the American Slav Congress Office at 943 Liberty Avenue in the event that the newspapers would find out about it and then all of the tenants at 943 Liberty Avenue would suffer as a result of any unfavorable publicity. [] was somewhat concerned about the possibility of the American Slav Congress moving into the premises at 943 Liberty Avenue as it raised somewhat of a question in his mind as to whether the presence of the American Slav Congress would have any effect on the CP meetings now being held there.

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From: SAC, Pittsburgh
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Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
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(Bureau file #66-2542)

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On August 30, 1949 [REDACTED] personally advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that ~~he~~ was preparing to move the American Slav Congress office during the evening of that day.

On August 31, 1949 [REDACTED] telephonically advised this office that the American Slav Congress moved into the premises located at 943 Liberty Avenue the previous evening in his absence and that the equipment of the American Slav Congress consists of one desk, one steel cabinet, one typewriter stand and one long table.

The above is being furnished as matter of information.

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On 9/23/49, the above informant submitted a letter to this office, the contents of which are as follows (explanatory notes having been added in parentheses):

"In April of 1941 after two or three conversations with E. B. (SA EDWARD L. BOYLE) of the Pittsburgh office, I volunteered my services to the government of the United States in the capacity in which I since served approximately eight and one half years.

"During these eight and one half years I have tried to do my work in a way which would insure maximum results with no thought to personal sacrifice of time, money and self respect. The abuse and threats heaped upon me never stopped me from trying to do a good job.

"Because of the nature of the work, it became necessary for me to give up my Civil Service Status which I enjoyed when first I stepped into this job.

"Now it is becoming increasingly difficult for me to continue due to the cost of living and the difficulty of securing any decent employment in private industry which would supplement my earnings. Even tho' let me point out here, that I have been so darn busy attending meetings, making the rounds, and writing reports that it is questionable whether I could have given much time to any private employment. For example in the field of work I cover, the majority of Sundays, until recently, were taken up with one phase or another of the work.

"Today my work is causing increasing embarrassment to my mother and father and to my brothers and sisters, some of whom are in business and others who work in private industry. As a matter of fact my family want to publicly disclaim any agreement with my political views which of course they believe I hold.

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"My two sons who are now 18 years of age are put in a position where they are often asked about their dad and they too can give no satisfactory explanation for my conduct. It must follow that they will always be suspect as long as I continue in this work. My sons are now starting out - one is going to the Navy - if my status doesn't keep him out - the other is attending a local university. They are often asked is 'so and so' your dad.

"I have no brief with the office. The men I worked with have always been helpful and they always treated me with the utmost consideration.

"However due to the increasing pressure on my family and my own personal and financial problems brought about by the work it now becomes necessary for me to request the office to restore me to a decent place in society once again and therefore whatever steps can be taken - either by giving me an opportunity to appear at some public hearing or in some such manner where I can be publicly vindicated.

"As to how I will conduct myself in the future I intend to make use of the knowledge acquired to fight against C. (Communism) as a private citizen.

"You know I see here an opportunity to really rock the C.P. movement not only locally but nationally since I did share some pretty good confidences in the movement. I believe it would have a pretty demoralizing effect, especially here where they expect and must accomplish so much.

"If the office can make some kind of a public pronouncement and let me go back into private life I will appreciate it very much. Later if I am ever needed to assist in anyway I will as in the past give my fullest co-operation. The confidences of the office I shall never violate. Nor the methods of works with which I became acquainted.

"And in closing, as previously stated, I will do all I can as a private citizen to tell the people the real truth about C. (Communism)

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"P. S. If the office finds a way to release me, I will be leaving this work after 8 and $\frac{1}{2}$ years without a real vacation and somewhat in debt. If it wouldn't be asking too much, I would appreciate some kind of severance remuneration so I can pay up some of my back debts and take perhaps three or four weeks of well needed rest."

When contacted on 9/23/49 by SA [] informant orally advised that at the time of his divorce from his former wife he had signed over his equity in their joint home, his wife having threatened she would disclose his relationship to this Bureau if he did not do so. When questioned further as to this matter, informant added that he had not disclosed same to this office in 1945 or since, since he had thought it best to end his marital entanglement with as little controversy and bickering as possible and further, because he believed this office would have been unable to take any action in the matter.

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It is noted that at no time has informant definitely indicated his plans for the future in the event his services with this Bureau are discontinued. He has stated, however, that he "expects to continue to utilize his knowledge of Communism to combat it." It is believed that informant intends to try to exploit his experiences in the Communist movement by writing or lecturing concerning same.

Informant stated on 9/23/49 that he would not like to sever his services with the Bureau unless some public disclosure of same could be made. He said that he would continue as at present as long as possible on his present salary, hoping that the Bureau could arrange an appropriate time and place for public disclosure of his activities on the Bureau's behalf.

Informant added that he had no idea of what his future plans might be in the event public disclosure of his past services could not be made; that in the latter event, he hoped that this office might be able to make some sort of public announcement concerning him. In view of the futility of the latter request of informant, it is the thought of this office that his discontinuance would be simplified for both this office and the Bureau if the informant were used as a witness at the current CP trial in New York City or at some similar proceedings.

The contents of the above letter and oral statements of informant are being furnished for the Bureau's consideration.

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MATTHEW CYETIC, GNDI [REDACTED] INFORMANT COMMITTED TO BE MEMBER OF
LOCAL CP DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 10TH NEXT WHICH
WILL PARTICIPATE IN PROTEST DEMONSTRATION OF NATIONAL NON-PARTISAN
COMMITTEE TO DEFEND RIGHTS OF THE TWELVE COMMUNISTS LEADERS. BUREAU
AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY DOLLARS REQUESTED.

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cc: Mr. Fletcher

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cc: Mr. Gunsser
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SAC, Pittsburgh

PERSONAL ATTENTION

November 1, 1949

Director, FBI

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Reurlet dated September 23, 1949, in which you advised that a letter had been received from the informant in which he set forth his desire to sever his connection as an informant and also indicated that he would appreciate some kind of a public pronouncement on the part of the Bureau. Cvetic also stated that he would appreciate some kind of severance remuneration to pay up back debts and take some well-needed rest.

At the present time you are paying the informant at the rate of \$85 per week which was authorized by Bureau letter of September 1, 1949, effective that date for a period of six months. Since Cvetic does not desire to continue in a confidential capacity, he should be discontinued not later than December 1, 1949, and it should be made clear to him that no payments will be made to him after that date. Until his termination, you should, of course, obtain information commensurate with the payments which you make to him and he should also be advised that no press release of any kind will be made by the Bureau regarding him. The informant may also be told that when he is terminated, no additional pay of any kind can be made to him.

According to referenced letter, Cvetic indicated that he may take some steps to expose the Communist Party and it is possible that he has in mind some type of publicity in the form of a series of articles or a book. You are requested to ascertain from Cvetic his future plans and in the event any inquiries are received by your office in regard to Cvetic, no comment should be made and the Bureau advised.

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TO : H. B. FLETCHER

DATE: October 5, 1949

FROM : F. J. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC

PITTSBURGH INFORMANT

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 Miss Gandy ✓

PURPOSE:

Cvetic, who has been an informant for the Pittsburgh Division since 1941, has submitted a letter to the Pittsburgh Office indicating a desire to cease his undercover activity and at the same time wishes some kind of a release to the public by the Bureau to counteract the stigma which has become attached to his name on account of his Communist activity.

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DETAILS:

Cvetic's possibilities were first brought to the attention of the Bureau in a letter of February 26, 1942, by the Pittsburgh Division in which Pittsburgh stated that Cvetic, an employee of the Pittsburgh Division of the U. S. Employment Service which was alleged to be infiltrated by Communists, was of great assistance to the Pittsburgh Division and at that time was being recruited into the Communist Party. Subsequently, Cvetic left his job and after being recruited into the Communist Party was placed on the Bureau pay roll at the rate of \$15.00 per week in February, 1943. Since that time he has been extremely active and has become a close friend of Steve Nelson.

Within the past two or three years Cvetic has become more demanding and has shown dissatisfaction with his rate of compensation. The Pittsburgh Office tried to have Cvetic live within his income from the Bureau and to make other personal adjustments as Cvetic claims he had to pay a certain sum to his estranged wife. Since Cvetic was providing invaluable assistance to the Pittsburgh Office, the Pittsburgh Office and the Bureau have leaned over backwards to retain his services and at the present time authority is outstanding to pay him at the rate of \$85.00 per week from which he is to pay any of his necessary expenses.

Several times Cvetic has disclosed his connection with the Bureau and it has been necessary to handle the situation to prevent any embarrassment. He has not been "made", however, by the Party as a result of any of his personal differences with the Pittsburgh Office or his disclosure of his capacity. As an example of the type of coverage which Cvetic has been able to provide, the following are the positions in the Communist Party he has held as furnished by him

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during an interview with an Assistant United States Attorney when he was considered as a possible witness in the current CP trial:

- Executive Committee member of the Tom Paine Branch.
- Executive Committee member of the East End Club, Pittsburgh.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the North Side Club.
- Club organizer of the Lawrenceville Club. He advised that he was still a member of this club and is the club organizer.
- Member of the organization of the Educational Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party.
- Member of the District Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party.
- Member of the North Side Section Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District.
- A full member of the Nationality Commission, Western Pennsylvania District, Communist Party, USA.
- A participating member of the Nationality Commission, Communist Party, USA.
- Secretary of the Slavic Bureau, Communist Party, USA.

The informant listed the following positions held in Communist front organizations:

- Executive Committee member of the American Slav Congress.
- Secretary-Treasurer of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.
- Chairman of Local No. 196, SCMWA Union.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the Civil Rights Congress, Pittsburgh.
- National Board Member of the Slovene-American National Council.
- Executive Secretary of the Labor Press Committee.
- Member of the International Workers Order.
- Member of the Lawrenceville Fraternal Center.
- Executive Committee member of the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania.

With regard to the above-mentioned interview as a possible witness, his services were not utilized at the trial and as the U. S. Attorney limited his witnesses it is not known whether he would have been of value if the trial continued any longer.

Due to Cvetic's possible use during the CP trial, his discontinuance which was considered by the Bureau in January, 1949, was held in abeyance until the completion of the trial. His discontinuance was being considered due to his most recent disclosure of his connection with the Bureau to an official of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation. The Pittsburgh Office concurred in the proposed discontinuance of Cvetic despite the fact that he was a very lucrative source of information.

PRESENT ATTITUDE OF INFORMANT

The Pittsburgh Office and the Bureau have been retaining Cvetic's services since January, 1949 not only due to his extensive coverage of Communist matters but particularly for his possible use in the CP trial. The informant has now submitted a letter to the Pittsburgh Office summarizing his position and expressing a desire to cease his undercover activities. Cvetic's letter to Pittsburgh as quoted to the Bureau by Pittsburgh under date of September 23, 1949, indicates that Cvetic shows no antagonism and states that he has always been treated with the utmost consideration. He has two sons 18 years of age to whom he can give no satisfactory explanation of his conduct and his work is causing increasing embarrassment to his mother and father and brothers and sisters. According to Cvetic, his family wants to publicly disclaim any agreement with his supposed political views which in reality he does not hold.

Cvetic also states in his letter to Pittsburgh that he intends to make use of the knowledge he has acquired to fight Communism as a private citizen and he sees an opportunity to do so as he shared in the movement, not only locally but nationally. In conclusion, Cvetic states that he would like some kind of a public pronouncement of his activity on behalf of the Bureau. He has advised that if he is ever needed in the future he will give his fullest cooperation and he will never violate the confidence of his position with the Bureau.

As a postscript Cvetic indicated that he would appreciate some kind of severance remuneration to pay up some back debts and also take a much needed rest.

Cvetic was interviewed in connection with his resignation letter and he said that he would not like to sever his connection with the Bureau unless some public disclosure could be made and he would continue as long as possible, hoping the Bureau could arrange an appropriate time and place for such disclosure. He said he had no

idea of his future plans but it is the belief of the Pittsburgh Office that Cvetic intends to do some writing or lecturing on his experiences.

CONCLUSION:

Cvetic has been a lucrative informant for over seven years and has conducted himself in such a manner that the Communist Party and the various front groups with which he has become affiliated are unaware of his true position. In the past several years Cvetic, by his actions, has shown a reluctance to continue and since January, 1949 he has been kept on the pay roll due to his extensive coverage and the possibility that he would be used at the CP trial. He has definitely stated he does not desire to continue and since the trial is over there is no reason why any attempt should be made to persuade him to remain an informant.

It is believed that due to his long association with the Bureau, payments to him should be continued for six weeks after his discontinuance.

Cvetic has presented a problem, however, which has risen recently in connection with another informant and may arise more frequently in the future. This problem is the public recognition by the Bureau of an individual's efforts after that person has terminated his connection in an undercover capacity.

The Bureau at the present time acknowledges an informant's past services based upon the individual situation and each time the question comes up the manner in which this acknowledgment is made is carefully weighed in order that the best interests of the Bureau will be served. Our informants are impressed with the necessity of maintaining their relationship with the Bureau in confidence, which is essential during their active participation, but when their services are no longer being utilized acknowledgment by the Bureau of their past connection can be made in most instances without jeopardizing any information which they have provided in the past.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Cvetic should be discontinued as an informant and it is recommended that the attached letter to Pittsburgh be transmitted

advising of such discontinuance and authorizing at the same time additional payments to Cvetic for six weeks which will be in the nature of severance pay.

2. Pittsburgh is being advised in this letter, if such is approved, to tell Cvetic no public pronouncement as such will be made of his past connection with the Bureau but if any inquiries are subsequently received by the Bureau in regard to Cvetic's activity, the Bureau will acknowledge the fact that Cvetic, upon joining the Communist Party, continuously furnished information.

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for severance pay & I think
the establishment of such a
precedent is undesirable if
not illegal. Also he has prof
been the most discreet informant
& in fact has been a problem.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI [redacted]
(Bufile 66-2542)

DATE: 10/12/49

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Remytel to Bureau 10/5/49, and Butel to Pittsburgh, 10/7/49. Please be advised that captioned informant was forced to cancel his scheduled trip to Washington, D. C., on October 10, 1949 as a member of the local Communist Party delegation which was to participate in the protest demonstration of the National Non-Partisan Committee to Defend the Rights of the Twelve Communist Leaders.

[redacted] advises that local CP leaders decided at the last moment that informant's place in the local delegation which was making the trip to Washington, D. C. in private automobiles should be taken by a local negro woman, presently unknown. Informant has advised that this substitution was made because local CP leaders desired negro representation in the local delegation.

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Director, FBI

MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI

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Reurlet November 8, 1949, concerning the above-named informant who has expressed a desire to continue in a confidential capacity and who claims that his letter to your office had been misinterpreted. According to Cvetic, his personal problems have resolved themselves somewhat and his financial situation improved to the point where he is about to receive an income of \$100 to \$200 per month in addition to his Bureau salary.

Based upon the value of Cvetic's services to the Bureau and your recommendation, authority is given to continue Cvetic at the rate of \$85 per week effective December 1, 1949, for a period of six months.

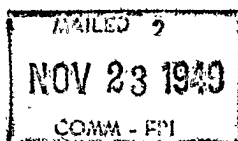
There is no doubt that Cvetic is of inestimable value to the Bureau's work but his handling has posed certain problems in the past. It will be your personal responsibility to maintain close supervision over Cvetic and if any personal problems of his again arise which effect his work or relations with the Bureau in any way, consideration should be given to his immediate discontinuance of which the Bureau should be advised.

Two weeks prior to the expiration of the authorized period, you should submit an informative summary and your personal recommendation as to Cvetic's continuance.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH

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(Bufile 66-2542)

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Remylet to Bureau 9/23/49 and Bulet to Pittsburgh, 11/1/49.

The above informant was contacted on 11/4/49 by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at which time he was apprised of the contents of rebulet. Informant stated that his letter to this office, as set out in full in mylet to Bureau, 9/23/49, had been misinterpreted and that he had no desire to sever his relationship with this Bureau; that he earnestly desired to continue in his present confidential capacity indefinitely, or until such time as the Bureau might deem it expedient to make a public disclosure of his work. [redacted] said that he did not believe his letter of 9/23/49 had posed any "threats" to terminate his confidential work in the event the Bureau did not desire to make a public disclosure of him at the present time.

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CVETIC continued that recent events, as set out below, had "relieved much of the pressure" to which he has been subjected in recent months and would eliminate many of the problems with which he has confronted this office and the Bureau in the past:

1. Finances - Informant stated his financial situation has improved in the past two weeks due to the fact that his employment at the EDWARD J. WALDMAN Insurance Agency at Pittsburgh has been stabilized and he has been assigned regular insurance accounts which will guarantee him an income of \$100 to \$200 per month in addition to the salary paid him by the Bureau.

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2. Family Complications - Informant stated that most of the "family pressure" which had been exerted upon him had terminated as a result of the death of his mother on 10/17/49. He said that one of his main reasons for requesting public disclosure was to enable his mother to know his "real reason" for engaging in CP and CP front activities; that since it is now impossible to disclose same to her, and since most of his family contacts revolved about his mother, he felt that "family problems" would be greatly diminished.

With regard to his future plans, CVETIC said he had none. He added that he had no desire to cause this office or the Bureau any embarrassment by making a personal pronouncement of his past activities in the CP on the Bureau's behalf. He concluded that it was his desire that he be continued in his present capacity until the Bureau, rather than himself, could make the disclosure of his past services.

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From: SAC, Pittsburgh
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI [REDACTED]
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Since rebulet instructing that CVETIC be discontinued not later than 12/1/49 was apparently based upon the premise that he did not desire to continue in a confidential capacity, the Bureau is requested to give consideration toward retaining CVETIC as an informant of this office in the light of his apparent earnest desire to continue in his present confidential capacity, especially in view of his statement that his financial problems appear to be solved for the present.

It is, therefore, recommended that CVETIC be continued as an informant of this office based upon Bulet to Pittsburgh, 9/1/49, which authorized this office to continue payments of \$85.00 per week to CVETIC effective 9/1/49, for a period of six months. *OK*

It will be appreciated if this matter can be afforded expeditious attention so that this office may be advised of the Bureau's desires prior to 12/1/49.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [] RE DETROIT LETTER DATED
NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, FORTY-NINE, ENTITLED QUOTE AMERICAN SLAV COMMITTEE,
INTERNAL SECURITY R, REGISTRATION ACT UNQUOTE. ADVISE
IF INFORMANT [] CONTEMPLATES ATTENDING
ASC MEETING IN DETROIT, DECEMBER FOUR, AND IF SO, ESTIMATE
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Washington, D.C.

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Re New York letter dated November 3, 1949 which requested that the National Committee meeting of the American War Veterans, which is scheduled to be held Sunday, December 4, 1949, at the Hotel Astor, Detroit, Michigan, be covered as completely as possible.

The Detroit Office has no informant who could cover the National Committee meeting.

Therefore, it is requested that the Bureau authorize necessary and reasonable expenditures for Pittsburgh OASD [] to attend said meeting.

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cc: New York (100) (100-24200)
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Confidential Informant [] has advised that the [redacted] will meet Sunday, September 16, 1967, at the [redacted] Clubhouse, around 10:00 AM. The meeting is to be an all-day session.

10. Informant reported that the American Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is prohibited at this time from carrying out these activities. The activities of the ALEA are limited to the collection of information and the maintenance of a file on the activities of the ALEA. The ALEA is not permitted to carry out these activities.

It is desired that the Special Officer cover this matter as completely as possible through available instruments. The District Office has a Mr. [redacted] who is a member of the National Committee and the FBI advised that he could get information on this.

Under the above conditions available, the United States should be able to provide the necessary and reasonable expenditures for the proposed program.

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cc: Mr. Donahoe

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November 8, 1949

MR. FLETCHER

MR. WHITTON

GEORGE NICHOLSON MIRINSKY, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

United States
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

PURPOSE:

To propose that consideration be given to making available to IIS the identity of Pittsburgh Confidential Informant [redacted]

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BACKGROUND:

As you will recall, the Mirinsky mentioned above was the subject of deportation proceedings by the IIS, having been arrested July 7, 1949 and released from Ellis Island on five thousand dollars bail on October 4, 1949.

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IIS has endeavored to determine from the Bureau the identity of Pittsburgh [redacted] whose information would be of value to that agency in the IIS investigation. However, informant's identity was not made known since he was still active as a Bureau informant and did not desire that his identity be revealed.

A review of the file of this informant, who is Ruthen Gvetic, reflects that by Bureau letter to Pittsburgh dated November 1, 1949, instructions were issued that the informant's services are to be discontinued no later than December 1, 1949. This action was taken based upon the informant's expressed desire to the Pittsburgh Office to discontinue his services for personal and financial reasons. He has indicated an intention to seek some means of public recognition for his knowledge of Communist Party activities and is believed to be contemplating writing a book of this nature. He requested that the Bureau take some step which would afford him the public recognition he desires. However, no such action by the Bureau is contemplated and the Pittsburgh Office has been so advised. It is noted that his relations with that Office continue to be cordial.

A review of the Mirinsky file reflects that Gvetic has furnished considerable information which may be of value to the IIS investigation.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as the informant will no longer continue in the service of the Bureau and apparently contemplates some public action based upon his expressed desire to continue a personal fight against the Communists, it is recommended that consideration be given to making him available as a witness for I.S.

There is attached for your approval a suggested letter for the Pittsburgh Office requesting their views on this matter. In addition, Pittsburgh is being instructed to contact this informant for the purpose of determining whether he would be willing to furnish information to I.S. Based upon the observations of the Pittsburgh Office and desires of Cvetko consideration would then be given by the Bureau to disclosing his identity to I.S.

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Reference is made to your letter of December 2, 1949 and to subsequent correspondence in which you advised the Bureau regarding the status of the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Offices in connection with the activity of [redacted] in connection with activities pertaining to the subject of this letter.

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Reference is also made to your letter of December 2, 1949 and to the Bureau's letter of December 3, 1949 indicating that the Pittsburgh Office was to be closed down later than January 1, 1950. A review of this correspondence concerning the informant matter was in fact conducted a number of days later during the week of an informant and has indicated that in connection with public action in the nature of a campaign to fight communism.

In view of the classification of the informant's services to the Bureau it is suggested that you submit your views as to the advisability of making this informant available to the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia Offices in connection with the activities pertaining to the subject of this letter. Your recommendation should, of course, be based on the existing circumstances and that this informant is available to the Bureau in the handling of other matters. In addition, contact should be made by your Office with the informant to determine his views in this matter.

Very truly yours,
 [redacted]
 Special Agent in Charge

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(If the Pittsburgh Office and the informant both recommend in favor of making [redacted] available to the Bureau, the Bureau desires to take action, it is recommended that the Pittsburgh Office be instructed to submit a report reflecting all pertinent information concerning the subject which the informant has previously furnished. Attention is directed to Serial 136 of 100-16314, the New York report of August 23, 1949, page 22 which contains information attributed to T-2, which is [redacted] to the effect that Pirinsky was in attendance on November 9, 1948 at a meeting of the National Groups Commission of the Communist Party held at the New York City Headquarters of the IWO. If the Bureau desires to make the informant available to the Bureau a report is to be submitted by Pittsburgh containing [redacted] information care should be exercised to insure that this particular information is included in the Pittsburgh report.)

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TO : MR. FLETCHER

FROM : MR. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
PITTSBURGH INFORMANT

DATE: November 22, 1949

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PURPOSE:

Pittsburgh Informant Cvetic recently submitted a letter to the Pittsburgh Office in regard to his continuance in an undercover capacity and since it did not appear he desired to remain an informant, the Pittsburgh Office was told to discontinue him as of December 1, 1949. Cvetic has now advised that his letter has been misinterpreted and he earnestly desires to continue in his present capacity indefinitely or until such time as the Bureau might deem it expedient to make a public disclosure of his work.

DETAILS:

As you were advised in my memorandum of October 5, 1949, Cvetic has been a very good informant since 1941, payments to him having begun at the rate of \$15 per week in February, 1943. He is now receiving \$85 per week from which he pays his necessary expenses.

Several times in the past years Cvetic has shown some dissatisfaction with his rate of compensation as he claimed he was unable to maintain himself on the Bureau salary. In view of his invaluable assistance, the Pittsburgh Office and the Bureau have retained Cvetic and even though he has posed problems from time to time of a personal nature, and even disclosed his connection with the Bureau within his family circle, he has not been "made" by the Communist Party. Cvetic now states that recent events have relieved much pressure to which he has been subjected in the past and many of the problems with which he has confronted the Pittsburgh Office have been eliminated.

With regard to his financial situation, Cvetic states that in the past two weeks his employment at the Edward J. Waldman Insurance Agency in Pittsburgh has been stabilized and he has been assigned regular insurance accounts which will give him an income of \$100 to \$200 per month in addition to his Bureau salary. It is to be noted that until the present time the informant's connection with the Waldman agency has been merely of a cover nature and the insurance business which Cvetic handled has been nil. If Cvetic is now able to obtain some income through his Waldman connection, he will have no reason to make any further demands upon the Bureau of a financial nature.

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With regard to his family situation, Cvetic said that the death of his mother on October 17, 1949, has relieved his pressure. He said one of his main reasons for requesting public disclosure of his work was to enable his mother to know the "real reason" for his engaging in Communist Party and Communist Party front activities and since it is now impossible to disclose same to her, and most of his family contacts revolved about his mother, he felt his "family problems" would be greatly diminished.

Cvetic said he had no further plans and he has no desire to cause the Pittsburgh Office of the Bureau any embarrassment by making a personal pronouncement of his activities in the Communist Party in behalf of the Bureau. It is his desire to continue in his present capacity until the Bureau, rather than himself, could make the disclosure of his past services.

Value of Informant

As an indication of the assistance of Cvetic and the information he will continue to furnish, the following are the positions in the Communist Party which he has held as furnished by him during an interview with an Assistant United States Attorney when Cvetic was considered as a possible witness in the Communist Party trial:

- Executive Committee member of the Tom Paine Branch.
- Executive Committee member of the East End Club, Pittsburgh.
- Member of the Executive Committee of the North Side Club.
- Club organizer of the Lawrenceville Club. He advised that he was still a member of this club and is the club organizer.
- Member of the organization of the Educational Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party.
- Member of the District Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party.
- Member of the North Side Section Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District.
- A full member of the Nationality Commission, Western Pennsylvania District, Communist Party, USA.
- A participating member of the Nationality Commission, Communist Party, USA.
- Secretary of the Slavic Bureau, Communist Party, USA.

The informant listed the following positions held in Communist front organizations:

- Executive Committee member of the American Slav Congress.
- Secretary-Treasurer of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

Member of the Executive Committee of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.
Chairman of Local No. 196, SCMWA Union.
Member of the Executive Committee of the Civil Rights Congress, Pittsburgh.
National Board Member of the Slovene-American National Council.
Executive Secretary of the Labor Press Committee.
Member of the International Workers Order.
Member of the Lawrenceville Fraternal Center.
Executive Committee member of the Progressive Party of Western Pennsylvania.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no denying that Cvetic has and can continue to provide invaluable assistance to the Bureau on Communist Party and related matters. His connections are numerous and if his personal problems have eased, it is believed he will continue to provide inestimable assistance for the Bureau. He has explained his letter and claims that he does not, of his own free will, desire to discontinue as an informant and wishes to continue until the Bureau, rather than himself, can make a disclosure of his past services.

It is recommended that Cvetic be continued at his present rate of compensation but the SAC at Pittsburgh be informed that he must assume full responsibility for the further actions of Cvetic and if Cvetic's personal situation becomes such as to cause embarrassment to the Bureau, the services of the informant can no longer be continued.

There is attached for your approval an appropriate letter to the Pittsburgh Office.

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TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: 12/9/49

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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ON 7/16/01

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Remylets to Bureau dated 5/4, 5/7, 8/4, 11/15, 12/23, 12/28/48; 5/18, 8/22, 9/25, 11/8/49, and Bulets to Pittsburgh, 4/14 and 6/2/48; 6/8, 9/1, 11/1 and 11/23/49, regarding the difficulties encountered by this office in the handling of above informant and the consideration which has been afforded him by the Bureau and this office in attempting to solve and alleviate his recurring problems in view of his conceded value in CP and front investigations.

[redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa. (telephone [redacted]), who was incoherent at times and who appeared to be under the influence of liquor, has telephonically advised this office that one ROBERT STANTON has been drinking heavily and divulging confidential information regarding Communism and the COPLON case. It is noted [redacted] could not clearly state the nature of said confidential information. Complainant further said that STANTON claimed to be an FBI agent and counter-spy in charge of the Eastern Seaboard; that he was carrying a revolver and had threatened to blow her head off if she called the FBI. [redacted] concluded that STANTON occupied Room 721 in the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh and furnished a description of STANTON which generally tallies with that of informant.

It is noted that CNDI [redacted] presently occupies Room 721 at the William Penn Hotel and that his file reflects that he is known at the hotel as ROBERT STANTON.

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In attempting to locate the above complainant on 12/8/49 for further details it was determined that she was then visiting STANTON and a discreet inquiry was thereafter made of [redacted] Manager of the William Penn Hotel and a very reliable contact of this office, in an effort to locate [redacted]. During the course of contact with [redacted] the latter advised that he believed STANTON, a permanent resident of the William Penn Hotel, to be an "undercover FBI agent." [redacted] also said that he "believed" STANTON had been introduced to him [redacted] by someone connected with the Pittsburgh FBI Office, whose name he could not recall, at the time STANTON originally registered at the hotel, some three to five years ago. [redacted] added that STANTON was registered at the hotel as district representative of a "blind company"--MARTIN, CURTIS and CORDAY, Inc., New York City.

[redacted] continued that he had never disclosed anything concerning STANTON to anyone, although STANTON had on occasion told him that he (STANTON) was working for the FBI within the Communist Party; that he knew all the leading

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To: Director, FBI
 From: SAC, Pittsburgh
 Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
 CNDI []

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Communists in Pittsburgh; that he worked directly under Mr. HOOVER in Washington, D. C., and that he had been in New York during the trial of the twelve Communist leaders and had been ready to testify when the Government closed its case.

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It is noted that informant's file at this office does not reflect that any contact was ever made by this office with [] in order to advise him of informant's confidential status.

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Inasmuch as the above establishes that STANTON is identical with [] no further inquiry will be made regarding this phase of this matter pending contrary Bureau instructions.

Since informant has been found to have disclosed his confidential relationship with this Bureau to at least two more individuals, this office must again suggest that his services be discontinued.

With regard to informant's discontinuance, the Bureau's attention is directed to relet from Pittsburgh dated 12/23/48, Pages 4 and 5, which set out that [] had hinted that he had "a hunch" that some individuals within the CP at Pittsburgh were "stoolpigeons" and that he included Pittsburgh CNDI's [] and [] among his suspects. As set out in relet, informant has not elaborated upon his suspicions and under the circumstances, no comment has ever been made to him regarding same.

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As pointed out in relets from Pittsburgh dated 8/4/48, 12/23/48 and 9/23/49 and 11/8/49, informant has stated that in the event of his discontinuance he "expects to continue to utilize his knowledge of Communism to combat it" and it is believed that he intends to exploit his experiences in the Communist movement by writing or lecturing concerning same. When he has been specifically questioned regarding his future plans in the event of discontinuance, informant has always parried such questions by stating that he has no definite plans.

Although informant has stated on many occasions that he did not desire to cause this office or the Bureau any embarrassment by making a personal pronouncement of his past activities in the CP on the Bureau's behalf, it is pointed out that little credence can be given to such statements in view of his continued disclosures of his confidential relationship to date. His neurotic personality, with resultant inconsistencies, makes it impossible to predict with any accuracy what steps he would take in the event he were immediately discontinued. It is possible that he might be the source of some embarrassment to the Bureau or this office if immediately discontinued, and it is believed that such a risk might be avoided in whole or in part by a less summary procedure.

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From: SAC, Pittsburgh
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
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In this regard, reference is made to Bulet to Pittsburgh dated 11/8/49 in the case entitled [] was., Internal Security - C," in which the Bureau indicated that it might be desirable to make this informant available to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in connection with deportation proceedings pending against []. Although no action has been taken with regard to the [] matter by this office, and informant has not been approached to determine his views regarding testifying in same, it is submitted that if this case is to be tried in the near future it would be desirable to have informant publicly disclosed during the course of same, thus severing his relations with this Bureau on an amicable basis and eliminating most of the possibilities of his attempting to cause the Bureau embarrassment at some future date.

It is therefore definitely recommended that this informant's services be discontinued. Because of informant's known neurotic tendencies and inconsistencies, and his suspicions regarding present informants of this office, it is requested that the Bureau give some consideration to whether informant should be immediately discontinued or whether he should be retained for a short time in order that he might be publicly disclosed at the [] hearing or some similar legal proceeding.

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cc: Mr. Gunsser, Room 5505
Mr. Howard, Room 2252
Mr. Cattaneo, Room 2246

DATE: 12-25-89

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SAC, WASHINGTON

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CONFIDENTIAL AND SENSITIVE CASE

RE: [REDACTED]

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cc - SAC, Detroit (via mail)

SAC, New York (via mail)

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Director, FBI

11-23-49

SAC, Pittsburgh

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United States
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
November 23, 1949

ReBulet, 11-8-49, captioned as above and Pittsburgh let to Bureau,
11-8-49, captioned "CNDI [REDACTED] (Bureau File 66-2542).

Inasmuch as the latter letter requested that the Bureau give further consideration toward the retention of [REDACTED] as an informant, this office is taking no action at present with regard to reBulet, which requested that consideration be given to the desirability of making this informant available to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in connection with deportation proceedings against the subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : H. B. Fletcher

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
PITTSBURGH INFORMANT

DATE: December 20, 1949

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Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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Miss Gandy _____

PURPOSE

To advise of recent disclosures by this informant of his confidential relationship with the Bureau and the suggestion by the Pittsburgh Division that the services of Cvetic be discontinued. In addition, Pittsburgh has recommended that consideration be given to a gradual discontinuance of Cvetic in order to utilize him as a witness, if possible, in a pending deportation case against [REDACTED]

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DETAILS

Reference is made to past memoranda concerning Cvetic who has several times in the past disclosed his identity as an informant to outside individuals but in view of his position in Communist and related matters no action has been taken to discontinue his services. Cvetic has been cautioned several times in regard to his activity and as far as it is known his usefulness as an informant has never been impaired by his disclosures. There was some indication recently that Cvetic desired to discontinue acting in an undercover capacity and authority was given to Pittsburgh to dispense with Cvetic. When the informant was approached however he denied that he wanted to cease acting as an informant and expressed a desire to continue until the Bureau should see fit to make a public disclosure of his work. In continuing Cvetic as an informant, to which the Director agreed, the SAC at Pittsburgh was advised that if any problems arise in the future affecting the work of the informant or his relations with the Bureau in any way consideration should be given to his discontinuance.

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The Pittsburgh Office has now advised that one [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who was incoherent at times and apparently under the influence of liquor telephonically informed that one Robert Stanton had been drinking heavily and divulging confidential information regarding Communism and the Coplon case. [REDACTED] could not clearly state the nature of said confidential information. She said that Stanton claimed to be an FBI Agent and counterspy in charge of the Eastern Seaboard; that he was carrying a revolver and threatened to blow her head off if she called the FBI. [REDACTED] concluded that Stanton occupied room 721 in the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh and furnished a description which generally tallied with the informant. Cvetic uses the cover name of Robert Stanton and occupies room 721 at the William Penn Hotel.

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On December 8, 1949, the Pittsburgh Office attempted to ascertain more details in this matter and learned that [] was then visiting the informant and a discreet inquiry was made of [] Manager of the William Penn Hotel, who is a very reliable contact. [] advised that he believed Stanton to be an "undercover FBI Agent" and further that Stanton had been introduced to him, [] by someone connected with the Pittsburgh FBI Office some years ago. [] continued that he had never disclosed anything concerning Stanton to anyone although Stanton had on occasion mentioned that he was working for the FBI within the Communist Party; that he knew all the leading Communists in Pittsburgh; that he worked directly under Mr. Hoover in Washington, D. C., and that he had been in New York during the trial of the twelve Communist leaders and had been ready to testify when the Government closed its case. The Pittsburgh Office has advised that the informant's file does not reflect that any contact was ever made with [] in order to advise him of Cvetic's confidential status.

In recommending the discontinuance of the informant the Pittsburgh Division points out that Cvetic at one time hinted that he had "a hunch" that some individuals within the CP at Pittsburgh were stool pigeons and he included four informants among his suspects. Cvetic did not elaborate upon his suspicions and no comment has ever been made to him regarding the matter.

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According to Pittsburgh, Cvetic has never given a definite answer as to how he will conduct himself if he ceases his activity as an informant but he did state at one time that he "expects to continue to utilize his knowledge of Communism to combat it." In view of the neurotic personality of Cvetic, according to Pittsburgh, it is impossible to predict what steps he would take if he were immediately discontinued and some embarrassment might be caused to the Bureau if summary action of this nature was taken. The suggestion was made by Pittsburgh that since Cvetic might be a witness in the deportation case being handled by INS against [] the use of Cvetic as a Government witness against [] could be the means whereby his services could gradually be dispensed with. With regard to the [] case INS has endeavored to determine from the Bureau the identity of Cvetic whose information would be of value to that agency. Since Cvetic is an active informant his identity has not been revealed.

RECOMMENDATION

The disclosures by Cvetic of his confidential relationship with the Bureau are another in a series of irritations of which he has been the cause and which should be sufficient to result in his discontinuance. His great value to the Bureau as an informant has always been stressed and there is no doubt that he does afford good coverage for the Bureau. He is paid, however,

a good sum namely eighty-five dollars per week. It is believed that Cvetic in his personal actions is not getting any better and ~~dis~~continuance is more of a hazard than a help. It is possible however that Cvetic could cause some embarrassment and consideration should be given to the manner of his discontinuance. It will be recalled that when he was considered as a witness at the CP trial his disclosure on the witness stand was to be the means whereby we could gradually dispense with his services. He was not used as a witness at the trial. If he can be used as a witness in the [] case it can be pointed out to Cvetic that his services are no longer available in view of his public disclosure as a government undercover agent and he can be told that further payments cannot be made to him.

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There is attached for approval a letter to Pittsburgh requesting a complete review by Pittsburgh of all information furnished by Cvetic concerning [] to be submitted in a report which will be furnished to INS for its determination as to whether or not it desires to use Cvetic as a witness. Further action in regard to Cvetic's status as an informant will be taken when INS advises the Bureau as to whether or not it will use Cvetic.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 30, 1949

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, PITTSBURGH..ROUTINE..CODE

MATTHEW CVETIC, CNDI

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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DATE: December 27, 1949

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
 CNDI [REDACTED]
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Attention: Inspector H. B. FLETCHER

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 ON 7/16/09

Reference is made to the telephone call from Inspector H. B. FLETCHER to ASAC EDWARD J. POWERS on December 27, 1949, regarding discontinuance of the above informant.

This office will advise CVETIC of his discontinuance and ascertain his attitude toward being used as a possible witness in pending Immigration and Naturalization Service deportation hearings during the course of a contact with him on the morning of Tuesday, January 3, 1950. This office contemplates advising CVETIC that his remuneration will cease as of Monday, January 16, 1950, so that he may make his personal arrangements accordingly.

Further reference is made to the last sentence of Bureau letter to Pittsburgh November 1, 1949, wherein the Bureau advised that in the event any inquiries were received by this office regarding CVETIC following his discontinuance, no comment was to be made and the Bureau was to be advised.

It is submitted that a "no comment" reply will possibly not prove satisfactory to such experienced newspapermen as CHESTER HARRIS of the "Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph" and CHESTER POTTER of the "Pittsburgh Press," and might serve to further publicize any statements made by CVETIC following his discontinuance. Therefore, the Bureau is requested to advise by 10:00 A. M. on January 3, 1950, whether any further statement might be made to local newspapermen in the event they should make inquiries regarding CVETIC's status. It is believed that a statement to the effect that CVETIC has from time to time furnished information to this office in the past might serve to lessen the curiosity of the local press.

The Bureau is well aware of the temperament of this informant. It is not believed that any Agent in the Pittsburgh Office can prophesy what his reaction might be, what statements he might make, or how he might endeavor to enhance his financial position. Every effort will be made to have the severance with CVETIC an amicable one. Yet the Bureau must recognize that this severance is fraught with potentialities which could be embarrassing to the Bureau. From my personal experience, a comment of "no comment" will be ineffective and might possibly be considered absurd.

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No comment is all we
 can say. As a matter
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: December 28, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

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MATTHEW CVETIC
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

On December 27, 1949, I called Pittsburgh, and in the absence of SAC Thornton, I talked with ASAC Powers. I instructed that they discontinue the services of Cvetic as promptly as possible, making reference to their letter of December 9. I told Powers that this should be done as quietly as possible and that it should be determined whether or not Cvetic would have any objection to his name being given to the Immigration and Naturalization Service because there he might be developed into a professional witness of I&NS.

I instructed Powers that if Cvetic had no objection to his name being given to I&NS, a summary should be prepared on the case so that the information could be made available to I&NS.

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Director, FBI

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RE: [REDACTED]
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Teletype of January 7, 1950.

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The Bureau has advised the Immigration and Naturalization Service of Cybolic's availability as a witness in deportation proceedings against [REDACTED]

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It is requested that you have agents call upon Cybolic as soon as possible to inform him of that fact and to advise him that he may expect to be interviewed by INS representatives in the very near future.

No consideration is to be given to any possible future use of the informant by the Bureau and after the above interview no further contacts with him are to be sought by your office.

In addition, it is requested that you have prepared promptly a summary of the information concerning Cybolic which has been furnished by Cybolic. This summary should be set forth in an investigative report which will reflect clearly that it is such a summary. A copy of the report should be furnished to the local INS office.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh b7D

SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Remylets to Bureau, December 9 and December 27, 1949, and telephone call from Inspector H. B. FLETCHER to ASAC EDWARD J. POWERS, December 27, 1949.

CVETIC was contacted on January 3, 1950, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] at which time he was advised that his services were being discontinued by this Bureau and that his remuneration would cease as of January 16, 1950. He was told, upon his inquiry, that this action was being taken because it was known that he had again disclosed his confidential relationship with this Bureau despite repeated warnings in the past that he should not make such disclosures. It is noted that no specific information regarding persons to whom CVETIC has made such disclosures was furnished to him.

CVETIC replied at length during the course of which he emphatically denied having made such disclosures to anyone other than his eldest brother, a former girl friend, [redacted], and the latter's parents in 1947, as admitted by him in 1947. He stated that if the Bureau or this office had received information to the contrary, such information was furnished by persons who had no actual knowledge of his activities in behalf of the Bureau but who made their suspicions known "out of spite." He indicated that he suspected his divorced wife, MARIE BARSH CVETIC, of possibly seeking to cause him further difficulty.

It is submitted that the above answers by CVETIC do not explain away the facts and that he has either forgotten the disclosures made by him to [redacted] Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., in August, 1948, and [redacted] General Manager of the William Penn Hotel, on an unknown date, or is deliberately concealing same.

CVETIC contended that he did not think his past work in the Bureau's behalf merited a summary dismissal; that he was in debt to both the William Penn Hotel and a local bank and had been relying on his remuneration from the Bureau to settle same.

CVETIC, obviously nervous and weeping, stated that he was so confused he did not, for the moment, know what he could or would do.

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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, Pittsburgh
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
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Jan. 4, 1950

At this point, CVETIC was asked if he had any objection to the Bureau's furnishing his name to the Immigration and Naturalization Service for possible use as a witness in deportation hearings now pending. CVETIC replied that he would gladly testify for the government in such proceedings since it would "explain away" his activities in the CP during the past eight years; that, if arrangements could be made to have him so testify, the interviewing agents would be his "friends for life."

Recovering his composure, informant stated that he has relied upon his remuneration from the Bureau in an effort to make settlement of his present financial difficulties and he earnestly requested that he be retained until such time as his services were utilized in Immigration and Naturalization proceedings. He continued that if he were not so retained, he would immediately have to seek some other source of income to supplement his earnings as an insurance agent; that since he had no specialized training or education, other than his knowledge of the activities of the CP and its front groups as gained during the past eight years, he would be forced to seek employment with local industrial concerns or newspapers, using that knowledge as a "selling point." CVETIC said that he did not wish to embarrass the Bureau or this office, but that in approaching a potential employer he would, of necessity, be forced to inform the employer that he had worked as an undercover agent of the FBI for eight years. He added that he would never reveal any of the confidences he has shared with the Bureau but in order to "explain away" his CP connections, he would have to reveal his previous connection with the Bureau; that otherwise he would always remain "under a cloud" and would never be able to obtain gainful employment.

CVETIC stated that he would reveal his confidential relationship with this Bureau only to potential employers who were known to him to be reliable and trust that they would believe him on the basis of their past knowledge of him and his integrity. He added, that at some future time, he also intended to tell his friends and relatives of having worked for the FBI as an undercover agent in order to remove the stigma of Communism which they now attach to him.

CVETIC then said that if such future employment as he might secure would allow him to continue to work within the CP (indicating that he is considering the possibilities of working as a CP informant for a local industrial concern or newspaper), he would voluntarily furnish information secured by him to the Bureau, if same was desired.

To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, Pittsburgh
Re: MATTHEW CVETIC
CNDI

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CVETIC then said that in the event he were not called as a witness in INS proceedings, he would welcome an opportunity to testify before the House UnAmerican Activities Committee or a Senate Committee at an early date.

Informant concluded by reiterating that he did not desire to cause anyone any trouble but that in fairness to himself he would have to take such steps as necessary to insure that he did not personally suffer because of the work he has done for the past eight years.

The above varied reactions of CVETIC to his discontinuance are set out so that the Bureau may be aware of most of the potentialities for possible future embarrassment, especially in view of CVETIC's long period of confidential service and the fact that he was not a CP member who defected but actually joined the CP in 1943 after having been contacted by this office for approximately two years prior thereto.

In view of the above, it is recommended that the Bureau give further consideration toward furnishing CVETIC's name to INS as a witness in pending deportation proceedings and toward retaining him as an informant until such time as he is used as a witness in such proceedings. It is the sincere belief of this office that such a course will minimize the risks of future embarrassment and possible unfavorable publicity for the Bureau, since it will make CVETIC's discontinuance as amicable as possible under the circumstances.

As has been pointed out in many previous letters to the Bureau, CVETIC is admittedly the best informant re CP matters maintained by this office. He has in the past furnished reliable information and is still in a position to do so. It is also pointed out that it will be most difficult to develop a replacement for him in the CP foreign language field in this area.

It is requested that the Bureau advise this office of its desires, as soon as possible, so as to preclude any embarrassing action on the part of CVETIC in the event he is to be retained until used as a witness by INS.

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cc- Donohue
R. Bird

The Commissioner,
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Director, FBI

January 14, 1950

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Reference is made to our previous correspondence
in connection with this case.

Please be advised that one Matthew Cretic has furnished
a volume of information concerning Pirinsky which has been set
forth in FBI reports in this case, previously furnished to your
Service.

His identity is being disclosed to you as he has
indicated his willingness to testify in deportation proceedings
against [redacted]

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A summary of all of the information to which Cretic is
able to testify concerning [redacted] Communist affiliations and
activities presently is being prepared by this Bureau's Pittsburgh
Office and will be forwarded to you as soon as it may be received.

It is suggested, however, that you may wish to have
Cretic interviewed immediately by representatives of your Service
in view of his present availability, rather than to wait for the
above-mentioned summary.

It is important to note that he is using the cover
name of Robert Stanton which should be used in contacting him.
He resides in Room 721, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsyl-
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1-25-50

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
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CVETIC was contacted on January 23, 1950, by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at which time he was told that the Immigration & Naturalization Service had been advised of his availability as a witness in deportation proceedings against [redacted] and that he might expect to be interviewed by Immigration & Naturalization Service representatives in the very near future.

Since CVETIC continued to submit reports to this office from January 16 to January 22, 1950, and since his status had not been definitely decided until the receipt of reBulet in this office he was paid \$85 for his services from January 16 to January 23, 1950, during the course of the above contact. CVETIC was specifically advised, however, that no further remuneration would be forthcoming from this Bureau and that no further contacts with him would be sought by this office.

CVETIC stated that he did not "hold any ill will" toward this office or the Bureau as a result of his discontinuance; that he believed the Bureau had possibly become disgusted with his constant requests for "more money" during the past two years. He said that he had possibly been mistaken in making such requests but that he had made them with the honest belief that his work had merited increased remuneration. He also mentioned that he thought he should have received some compensation for a few weeks following his discontinuance based on his period of service. CVETIC was reminded that although actually discontinued as of January 3, 1950, he had been paid until January 23, 1950.

CVETIC said that for the time being he did not anticipate making any radical changes in his mode of life--that he would continue to maintain a room at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh and would continue his activities in the CP and its front groups--but that he would be forced to take some action if he were not contacted in the very near future by Immigration & Naturalization Service representatives. He said he believed he could maintain himself through insurance commissions received from the Edward J. Waldman Agency, with which he is presently connected, or by further loans from local banks provided he were called as an Immigration & Naturalization Service witness in the very near future.

CVETIC continued that he desired the Bureau to understand that in the event he continues active in the CP or its front groups he is doing so

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merely for private business reasons; that he does not subscribe to CP doctrines or teachings; and that he will testify in the Government's behalf against the CP or its members at any time.

CVETIC stated that as a result of his discontinuance he has, as he sees it, four possible lines of future action:

- (1) To secure a legitimate position in local industry. He indicated that he does not believe that he can possibly procure any gainful employment at local industrial concerns due to his known CP affiliations.
- (2) To continue active in the CP and to maintain himself as best he can until he is called as a witness in an Immigration & Naturalization proceeding. He indicated that he prefers this course of action since he could be publicly disclosed as an under-cover agent within the CP and might thereafter approach newspaper or magazine editors in order to "sell" his knowledge concerning the Party. He stated that use as a witness by Immigration & Naturalization would also possibly give him a future opening which would permit him to tour the country giving lectures on Communism.
- (3) To continue active within the CP and try to sell his services as an informant to local industrial concerns or local newspapers. He indicated that he did not desire to take this course of action since it placed "too much pressure" upon him. He stated that he would not consider working as an informant for any local concern unless he were paid in the neighborhood of \$150 per week to compensate him for the mental tension which he feels while working within the CP as an informant. He doubted that any local concern would pay him such an amount for his services.
- (4) To seek out a local U. S. Congressman or Senator in an attempt to arrange an opportunity to testify before some Congressional investigating committee. He indicated that this course would probably gain him much publicity but that he feared some congressmen might seek to use him to their own political advantage.

CVETIC reiterated that any confidences that he has shared with the Bureau in the past would not be disclosed by him but that if he were not used

as a witness in an Immigration & Naturalization Service hearing in the near future he had no recourse but to seek some gainful employment based upon his knowledge of the CP. He said that in the latter event he would be forced to state that he had worked as an under-cover agent for the past eight years and that if pressed for further information he would have to divulge that he had worked for the FBI in a confidential capacity.

It should be noted that during the course of the above contact the interviewing agents offered no advice to CVETIC as to what future action he should take and that he was informed that his future was in his own hands, and he must make his own decisions concerning same.

In view of the above, this informant has been discontinued as of January 23, 1950, and his assigned symbol number has been cancelled by this office.

This information is being furnished so that the Bureau may be aware of all circumstances surrounding CVETIC'S discontinuance.

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TO : MR. LADD *DW*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: MATI CVETIC
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DATE: February 17, 1950

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Joe Thornton, SAC, Pittsburgh, called in at 5:15 p.m. He stated that [redacted] former Bureau Agent now an attorney connected with a prominent law firm in Pittsburgh, had brought to him a transcript of a statement given by the above-named informant to Blair F. Gunther, Judge of Allegheny County Court, Pittsburgh, Robert Taylor of the Pittsburgh press, William Burns of Radio Station KQU, Pittsburgh, and Harry Allen Sherman, an attorney, Pittsburgh. The statement was taken by a court reporter by the name of James J. Bailey. The entire statement is eighty pages long.

I asked Mr. Thornton what the statement generally consisted of. He stated that it points out that Cvetic worked for the FBI for nine years; that he held prominent positions in the Communist Party; and apparently goes into some detail about Communism in Pittsburgh. I asked if he could get a copy of it. He said he had copies of it typed and that he had to give the original back to [redacted] at 5:30. I asked if he had an Agent coming into In-Service Monday, and he said yes. I asked that Mr. Thornton have the material in his possession carried in by this Agent tomorrow, to be here in the afternoon.

The radio broadcast on this material is scheduled for tomorrow night in Pittsburgh. SAC Thornton asked if he should take any action to stop the broadcast. I told him no.

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ADDENDUM: 2-17-50

At 8:45 p.m. Supervisor [redacted] WFO, telephonically advised that, according to Louis Russell, Senior Investigator, HCUA, Cvetic has been subpoenaed to appear before the Committee at 10:30, February 18, 1950. In the event Cvetic furnishes information of value, he will be called before a public hearing next Tuesday, February 21, 1950. Washington Field Office will be advised if substantive information is obtained by the Committee at the hearing on February 18.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 Special Attention: Inspector Howard Fletcher.
 FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh b7D
 SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC
 CNDI

DATE: February 17, 1950

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 Attorney in the firm of Thorp, Bostwick, Reid and Armstrong, Pittsburgh, and a former Agent of the FBI, personally called at the Pittsburgh Office on Friday afternoon, February 17, 1950, and handed to SAC JOSEPH E. THORNTON a transcript which MATTHEW CVETIC had given under the name of BOB PORTER on February 7, 1950, and a broadcast which is expected to be broadcast over Station KQV on Saturday evening, February 18, 1950.

 must be protected as he gave this material to SAC THORNTON without the knowledge of his firm. He does not know that copies of the broadcast and transcript were made. SAC THORNTON believes he can stop this broadcast if the Bureau desires it. No comment was made to and he did not request one. He was thanked for his courtesy and thoughtfulness.

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TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY AND DEPOSITION

OF

ROB PORTER

TAKEN IN

SUITE 1620, WILLIAM PENN HOTEL,

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, ON TUESDAY,

FEBRUARY 7, 1950 AT 1:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

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INTERROGATED BY:

Hon. Blair F. Gunther, Judge of the Allegheny County Court;
Harry Alan Sherman, Esq., Attorney at Law,
Mr. Robert Taylor of the Pittsburgh Press;
Mr. William Burns of Radio Station KQV -

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Reported by:
James J. Bailey,
Official Court Reporter,
536 Court House
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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JUDGE GUNTHER:

The purpose of this meeting is to take testimony and deposition to show the activities of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania and in the United States of America, and that is the reason we have a gentleman here who is known by the name of Bob Porter, - that is not his correct name nor his right name, but he will use that name for the purpose of this meeting, and he will testify under Oath.

Are you ready and willing to take an Oath?

MR. BOB PORTER:

Yes, I am.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Do you swear before Almighty God, the Searcher of all hearts, that the evidence and testimony that you give in this your deposition is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and that as you shall answer to God on the Last Great Day.

Bob Porter

MR. BOB PORTER:

I do.

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MR. BOB PORTER, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q What is your name?

A My name is Bob Porter. "hat is not my correct name, but we are using it for this meeting here.

Q Where do you live?

A I live in Pittsburgh.

Q By whom are you employed now?

A At the present time, well, I would rather not say, -- I may say unemployed.

Q Well, were you employed, -- do you want to tell us by whom you were employed, where you worked?

A Yes, -- well, formerly I was employed by the F. B. I., as an undercover agent.

Q What other work, by whom were you employed in addition to that?

A Well, I do not know how far back you want to go.

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Q Let me ask you this:- Were you connected with any subversive or Communist organizations, nationally or locally? Were you ever connected with any Communist or, as we call them, subversive organizations, nationally or locally?

A Well, in April, 1941, I was approached by Agent E. B., - Those are just his initials, - and asked to perform a service for my Country; he told me I was in a position to do a real service, and, of course, the way he put it, more than a regiment of soldiers would do, and that it was my patriotic duty if I could see my way clear to do what he asked me to do. After two or three meetings with E. B., I consented to go along with him and do the work that he asked me. He asked me then to work along with the known Communist Party Members in the United States Employment Service, with a view ^{to} ~~of~~ convincing them that I was a sincere Communist sympathizer, - this was in April, 1941. During the next twenty-two months, because I was in the Placement Service of the United States Employment Service, and was ^{able} ~~able~~ to secure the confidence of people like Sidney Horowitz and others, the Communist Party here in Western Pennsylvania sent me many of their members to place in industrial occupations, because by that time I was known as an all right guy.

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As a result of my diligent work in behalf of Communist Party Members, I was asked in February, 1943, after twenty-two months of trying to join the Communist Party, at a Communist Party Meeting in the Fifth Avenue High School, in Pittsburgh here, after listening to a speech of Elizabeth Gurley Flinn, I was asked to join the Party, and my application for Party Membership was signed by Andy Novak, a Western Pennsylvania Communist Party Member, and Elizabeth Gurley Flinn, who is a Member of the National Committee of the Communist Party. Having signed my application, I waited for a couple of weeks. Then I received a call from Pete Karpas, who at that time was City Secretary of the Communist Party. I had lunch with Pete Karpas and Dolly Gainor, who is now his wife, at the Smithfield Cafe, on Smithfield Street. At this luncheon, they asked me to attend a Party Branch Meeting, and I was asked to come to the home of Steve Didier, at that time the husband of Dolly Gainor, for my first Branch Meeting. Steve Didier is now a Member of the Yugo-Slav Government Staff at the United Nations. At this meeting, I found out they placed in the top, main branch of the Communist Party, which at that time was the

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professional branch of the Communist Party. Because of my work in the United States Employment Service, I was considered, as they explained to me, to be a pretty good catch. I might say here that Sidney H_orowitz, A Communist Party Member, who worked with me at the United States Employment Service, and who has been teaching school in Florida and Cuba for the past three or four years, had been of help to me in getting me into the Communist Party. During the Winter of 1943-1944, I was approached by Pete Karpas, and asked that since I was a Slav, they would like me to become active in Nationality work, inasmuch as I was from a Slovene section, and my parents came from Slovenia, I was an American-Slovene by birth, and after that much of my work during my membership in the Communist Party was carried on in the Nationality Field, and on the District Committee of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. So that I had become both an elected member and a very active functionary of the Communist Party. As a member of this Committee, I was invited to participate in Policy Making Meetings, ---

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Just a moment, Bob. You said you were an elected member,

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What do you mean by that, -- who elected you?

A You mean an elected Member of the District Committee?

Q Yes.

A We have District Conferences.

Q Who attended that particular Conference that elected you, if you recall, how many were there, where was it held, and so forth?

A Well, the first District Conference at which I was elected was held at the Carnegie Hall, on the North Side.

Q Did you know George Seibel then?

A Yes.

Q Was he there at that time?

A N, I have never seen George Seibel at a Party Meeting.

Q Who did attend that Meeting, who called that Conference, who was in charge of it, do you recall?

A Well, I do not have those notes with me. I will have to go over some of my notes.

Q How many were there, do you remember?

A Usually at those conferences, the number varied from seventy-five to one hundred.

Q Who was in charge of that Conference?

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In 1944, it would have been either Pate Karpas or Joe Godfrey.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Now, continue.

A In 1944, most of my activity in the Communist Party was working with the Nationality Commission, locally and nationally, as it was entrusted with the task of preparing for the American-Slav Congress Convention, which was held in Pittsburgh in 1944. At that time, the Nationality Commission met regularly in the Office of the International Workers Order, which at that time was located in the Columbia Bank Building, Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh. During the summer months of 1944, Mary Pefensky, a Communist Party Member, and at that time the wife of George Perensky, stayed in Pittsburgh for eight or ten weeks, making preparations for the American Slav Congress, and she usually made reports at the Nationality Committee Meetings. Planning and working for the Nationality Commission at that time, and meeting with them regularly, were the following Members of the Communist Party, who were directed by the Communist

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Party to work for this Convention:

Mary Perensky;

Helen Vrabel, who is now in New York;

Mike Hanusiak;

Anthony Minervich;

Calvin Brook;

Mane Susnjar;

Matt Cvetic;

Pete Bucsovich and his wife, Agnes;

Milo Mamulo

and others. When I say others, I mean various Communist Party Members engaged in Nationality Work were invited to participate in meetings with those other members who planned the American-^{SLAV}~~Slav~~ Congress Convention here in 1944.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Was Steve Krall the National Secretary at that time?

A I do not think so; I think he was elected at that time. I
1944, George Perensky would visit here often at that time,
and with Steve Krall and other Members of the Communist
Party would participate in planning activities of the
Congress, such as setting up their Resolutions, setting up

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the various committees, such as the Nominations Committees, the Resolutions Committees, the Credential Committees. Besides, each Communist Party Member would be placed on each Committee. I think, as a result of this, I was placed on one or two of the Committees, I think two. As a result of this, I was made a member of the National Committee of the American-Slav Congress. In the Summer of that year, 1944, Al Landi was in charge of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, U. S. A., and he frequently came to Pittsburgh, to meet with the Local Commission, for the purpose of, in Communist terminology, of "Hammering out Policy." He met with our Commission regularly, probably half a dozen times or more, helped Mary Perensky to write up Resolutions, and to perform and direct the work of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party. During that year, I helped him with Nationality Work of the Communist Party, in Cleveland, Ohio, at a Meeting of the National Committee of the American-Slav Congress there, and with several caucuses held by the National Commission of the American-Slav Congress. These meetings, and more Especially the Cleveland Meeting, they were attended by such Commun-

ist Party Leaders as Harry Justice ---

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Was Harry Justice the same man who was interested in the
Croatian Fraternal Union?

A Yes. They were attended by such Communist Party Leaders as:

Harry Justice,

George Ferensky,

Matt Cvetic,

Mike Hanusiak,

and others. As I recollect, at at least two of those
meetings, at least sixteen were present. Some of the names
skip me; I will bring them up later.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Where was that Meeting held in Cleveland?

A At Cleveland, Ohio

Q Was it held at the Carter Hotel?

A It could have been.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Was it held at the Hollenden Hotel?

A It could have been. I will have to refer back to my notes.

A (Continued) In the Fall of 1944, I was asked by Max Weis if I would take, -- Max Weis was then Chairman of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, -- he asked me if I would take a job on the American Committee for Yugo-Slav Relief, and as I was working at that time for the United States Employment Service, I was asked to take a voluntary assignment. I assumed this roll in December, 1944, my being on the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party, knowing that I would assume this responsibility as part of my Communist Work.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q When did you become a member or an employee of the United States Employment Service?

A In December, 1937.

Q In 1937? Then you had already been working there at the time you were taken into the Communist Party as a Member?

A That is right.

MR. TAYLOR:

Q You got your job as a Civil Service appointee?

A Not at that time. Later on, I did take a civil service examination, and passed it, and became one of the civil

service employees, but when I went to work there there was no civil service in the U. S. E. S.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Were there any other Communists working with you in the United States Employment Service, that you know of?

A Well, I mentioned Sidney Morowitz, he was in the Office, he was in the Placement Service, and I was in the Industrial Division, and because I was in the Industrial Division, he had to send these people to me.

Q That was for the purpose of placing them in the various plants where they wanted to get a foot-hold?

A That is right.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q That is, to place the Communists in industry?

A That is right, to place Communists in industry. Dorothy Sloan, now Dorothy Pauline Roth, she is married now, she was a Member of the Communist Party, and I could mention two or three others they went to work for the American Committee for Yugo-Slav Relief, in 1944, in December, 1944. I want to say, too, that while I was on this Committee, I was also a Director of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party,

and I attended meetings in Pittsburgh and New York, where this Committee was discussed, and the line of the Communist Party was to have the right to make Political decisions, and the line of the Communist Party Members would maintain them, and at the Nationality Meetings we would discuss the policies, and at at least one meeting in New York City, - that was after Steve Nelson became Nationality Commission Head of the Communist Party, at the July, 1945 Convention of the Communist Party, Doctor Sloba Zore of the Yugo-Slav Embassy Staff gave Steve Nelson Hell because he failed to exercise the necessary discipline over Party Members in the Nationality Commission. At this meeting, in New York, there were reports in the Language Press, which is located at 1916 East Street, the C. F. U., that is the Croatian Fraternal Union, by Leo Fisher who attended this meeting, that the Slovenian National Council of America, and Matt Cvetic who attended this meeting, and reports from different Members of the Nationality Group, on various aspects of their work, and many Party Members were at this meeting, people like Steve Nelson and Doctor Zore, who was also a Member of the National Bureau at that time.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Who called that meeting?

A Steve Nelson.

Q In what location, do you recall?

A I do not have my notes here, but it was held in a Hotel in New York. As a matter of fact, when they called this meeting, I was asked to come to a Yugo-Slav home, and the location was kept quiet until the last minute, and Fete Buscovich, also a Member of the Nationality Bureau of the Communists, I was asked to go with him, and he took me to the place of the meeting, to the Hotel, and what transpired at that meeting was reported by me to the Government Agency by whom I was employed.

Q You did that regularly, - report to the Government Agency?

A That is right.

Q What I want to get on record, were these meetings that were called, these conferences and such strategy meetings as you have described, were any mailed notices sent out for them?

A Usually, for the Nationality Commission Meetings, that was transmitted by word of mouth or by telephone, usually.

Q They were secret meetings?

A Secret meetings. The mails were not trusted with notices

of those meetings. As a matter of fact, during the past three or four years, Steve Nelson as president delegated to me the authority to call these meetings locally here in Western Pennsylvania, and I did call the various members and tell them there would be a meeting of the Nationality Commission, at 1916 East Street, or at the Ukrainian Hall on the South Side, tell them the time, and tell them to be present.

Q They were all kept secret from the public?

A That is right, they were all secret meetings. At the Convention of the Communist Party in July, 1945, Max Weis, District Organizer of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, was replaced by Roy Hudson, as District Organizer, and Al Landi, Head of the Nationality Commission, was replaced by Steve Nelson. Under Roy Hudson, District Organizer, and Joe Godfrey, District Chairman, I served on the Finance Committee of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, and for the next four years was expected to take a leading roll in organizing affairs for the Communist Party, such as picnics and Party Meetings. During this time, we set up for this purpose a Labor Press Committee, which was set up in the Organizational Committee of the Communist Party specifically for one purpose, for organizing affairs,

such as picnics and raffles, for the benefit of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. This Committee was comprised of two members, either myself as Chairman or Secretary, or Mike Hanusiak as Chairman or Secretary, and in the last year or two Pat Kush was made Chairman, and I was made Secretary.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q My recollection is that you said that either one or the other was Chairman. May I ask this:- In the Communist Party set-up, there is inevitably a superior officer to whom you report?

A That is right.

Q For example, filing your personal family association report, and so forth, to whom do you turn in those reports?

A Always to the District Organizer.

Q So in this case, it was Roy Hudson?

A At that time, it was Roy Hudson, yes.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q I want to ask you this, Bob Porter, did you at anytime hear any statements made by any of these people that you mentioned that they were planning or making an effort to bring about a

revolution in this Country, to overthrow our Government by force?

A Well, I have often heard this statement made, -- because the question is so important and its implications so broad -- I would say that in my time in the Communist Party, I have attended classes where we were taught this as a pre-requisite, or I should say as a necessity, to bring Communism to the United States.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q By whom were you taught that?

A Well, more recently, by Bill Albertson, in a class in January, 1949.

Q Where was that class?

A 440 Wood Street, third floor.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q That is in Pittsburgh?

A In Pittsburgh. I have often heard Steve Nelson refer to this Government as "The enemy".

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Well, we will question you in detail about the activities

of Steve Nelson, but I want to ask you particularly now with reference to the classes that you are talking about, on Wood Street, who sponsored those classes, when did they start, who paid for the hall, and so forth?

A Well, I can go back, - I do not have to go back, - I can just refer to my notes. I was a Member of the Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania for about three years; we planned and worked out organizational and educational problems, such as dues collections, registration and educational programs.

Q When you say "We", who suggested that, -- certainly, it was not your suggestion?

A No.

Q Who suggested that you do those things, who communicated with you to make the arrangements for those things, and who attended the classes, and where did you get the people from that did attend?

A Well, at those meetings, Roy Hudson was also Chairman of our Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party; then there was Dave Grant, and Eleanor Sachter, and Bessie Steinberg ---

Q Is she Steinberg's wife?

A No, I do not think they are related. And myself, we comprised the Organizational-Educational Committee. We discussed the educational set-up, the membership, such as registration and dues. Each Member of this Committee was expected every Saturday to call a meeting, and when we met to make out a report. I can say, as my part of this, I used to organize affairs in the summer months, such as our picnic, and I was expected to know how many tickets were sold for raffles, and so forth, and how much money was received.

Q Where did you get the class members ^{for} ~~of~~ these classes?

A From the branches, - we did not solicit, - what we did was set up programs in branches and clubs of the Communist Party.

Q In Branches and Clubs of the Communist Party?

A That is right.

Q In other words, every branch of the Communist Party was notified to attend and participate in these classes?

A Well, no, it was done this way:- When we, - I use the word "We", when we had hammered out an educational program, then it would be taken down to the branches of the lower level, or if it were something for the higher level, maybe one member of each branch would be asked to attend the class in higher

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education, at a centralized location, at that time usually at 440 Wood Street, which was our office.

Q In those educational sessions, did you ever have participate any professors or staff members of any universities or colleges in this area, that you recollect?

A Well, in my early days, the only College Professor was Ernie Ries. When I met Ernie, he was up at New Kensington; more recently, I think he is back in Pittsburgh, but not too active.

BY MR. BURNS:

Q Did you discuss the overthrow of the Government of the United States, in these meetings or classes?

A I will be very frank on this question, it is a very delicate one, and usually handled very subtly by the Communist Party. I will just give you an illustration of what occurred in these classes, and you can come to your own conclusion on this. We would organize a class, at 440 Wood Street, for important Members of the Communist Party, for maybe members of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania. Now, the one class that I attended, myself, as one of the leading functionaries, was last January, February and March, 1949, with Mr. Albertson, who was

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District Chairman of the Communist Party and who was Instructor in this class. Now, the booklet they used was "Theory and Practice of Communism." Now, if you know, at that time the people started wisening up to the real program of the Communist Party, and that is "World Revolution." Now, in this meeting, Bill Albertson was very careful to evade this question, but the reading, - and I have books and material to substantiate this - that were laid down as "must" reading, the books that he laid down as programs of action are such books as "State and Revolution"; "History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union"; "Communist Manifesto", and many other books which I will present to the Committee and point out in detail that these books specifically are written for the purpose of advancing a revolution and educating the Communist Party members to their roll, which is to overthrow the Government, and establish a dictatorship of the proletariat.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Can you give the names of those people who advocated the overthrow of our Government by force, -- did you ever hear a Mr. Dolsen, a representative of the Daily Worker, make a

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statement like that?

- A. Yes, I have it here in my notes, somewhere, if I can take the time to find it, where that very statement was made by Jim Dolson and by Hy Schlesinger, by Jim Dolson many times, and at least once or twice by Hy Schlesinger.

MR. BURNS:

- Q. Who is Hy Schlesinger?

- A. Hymen Schlesinger, he is an Attorney here in Pittsburgh.

- Q. What did you hear Hymen Schlesinger say, if you can recall?

- A. Dolson and Schlesinger, both. I have it here in my notes, if I can take a moment. While attending a meeting in New York, -- again I will have to refer to my notes to get the date, -- it was in 1949, we were at a conference there; Hymen Schlesinger, Milo Mamula, George Wuchinich and myself had dinner together at a restaurant near the hotel where we were attending this conference, and Hymen Schlesinger made the statement, "While we have a big party in New York City, I don't see how we can have a successful revolution in this County unless we get control of Pittsburgh." "We must build the Communist Party in Pittsburgh to wage a successful revolution". I can also quote Jim Dolson, Local Editor of

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The Daily Worker, who stated to me, in August, 1948, - and I will elaborate on this meeting in 1948, because that was the time when Steve Nelson came here to organize, - Jim Dolsen made a statement similar to Hymen Schlesinger, along the same line; "I do not see how we can have a successful ~~revolution~~ revolution here in this Country without getting control of the steel, coal and electrical industries here." He made this statement after a speech by Henry Winston, National Board Member, who came here to introduce Steve Nelson as the new District Organizer. A recent statement on revolution here was made by Bill Gordon, a new steel organizer, who was brought in here in the past year, by the Communist Party, to help organize the steel workers here; Bill Gordon told me, one evening after a meeting at 943 Liberty Avenue, and that was a meeting of the North Side Section of the Communist Party, I want to make this clear, "If we move Pittsburgh an inch, we can move the Country a mile", and I want to mention that because it shows in what estimation the Communist Party U. S. A., holds Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania.

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Q. How long have you known this Bill Gordon?

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- A. I will say six or seven months. He was brought in here last July.
- Q. He is still here?
- A. He is still here.
- Q. Was he introduced to you as a Party Member?
- A. Yes, he was. I have attended many Communist Party Meetings with Bill Gordon.
- Q. What do you think the effect of his being here has been, -- has he done any good amongst the steel workers?
- A. Well, originally Bill was assigned out to the Duquesne section, where the Communist Party has concentrated in the Carnegie Steel Area. In the last two months, Bill ~~was~~ was assigned to the North Side section, as the North Side Section Organizer, where they have Companies like Carnegie Steel, the Isabelle Furnace, Crucible Steel, the Heinz Plant, in which the Communist Party is very much interested; in the Manchester area, where they are trying to do a lot of work amongst the Negro workers.
- Q. Has he been conducting any youth activities among the steel workers?
- A. The Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania have brought into this District a Special Youth Organizer, to set up a

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Youth Committee here, they call it the Labor Youth League, which is also a Communist front organization, and they got as the Organizer of this Committee Harold Orzick, "Sunny" Orzick, he is the District Organizer of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania for youth activity.

Q. What does he do as a front job?

A. I don't know, -- well, yes, I do know, -- he is working for Lou Bortz, on Liberty Avenue, as a repairman, an appliance repairman; Lou Bortz is also a Member of the Communist Party; he lives out around the South Hills, somewhere.

Q. Now, do you want to go back to the sequence of your previous connections?

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Continue on with your other activities,
and then I have a few questions that I want to
ask you.

A. My work with Roy Hudson, District Organizer of the Communist party, from the National Convention of the Communist Party U. S. A., in 1945, continued for some three years, I met, as a Member of the Communist Party, of the Nationality Commission, with him, with Roy, as a Member of the Finance District

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Committees, I almost met daily with Roy, on strategy of the American-Slav Congress, of which I was Secretary, and I would like to state here how the change from myself as Secretary to George Wuchinich came about, - this was also engineered by the Communist Party, through Roy Hudson, - we had lunch down at the Y. M. C. A., on Third Avenue and Wood Street, and Roy Hudson asked me, since George Wuchinich was a Veteran and would not be so subject to attack as I would be, in the American-Slav Congress, if I would step out as Secretary, and let George Wuchinich step in, because he would be able to carry on our work better, since he was a Veteran and I was not. Of course, that did not take too much convincing, and I left the job, and Roy Hudson was very pleased. During this tenure with the American-Slav Congress, I worked very well as Executive Secretary, and, as I have pointed out already, I left it at Roy Hudson's request, and George Wuchinich came in. I worked with George very closely, and with Roy; we met and discussed the work of the American-Slav Congress, including the program at W.L.O.A., and including the column which George Wuchinich carried in many newspapers, under his own name, and including all the activities and affairs of the organization. All these matters were discussed

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usually by Roy Hudson, George and myself, at first at Tambellini's Restaurant or the Y. M. C. A. Later on, it would be discussed at the Nationality Commission Meetings, and then it would be carried into the Executive Committee Meetings of the American-Slav Congress. I want to point out here that about June, 1948, The American-Slav Congress, - I could use the word "distorted" here, - but the rule was that only Communist Party Members would attend Executive Board meetings. That seemed amusing to me at the time, because the Nationality Commission would meet at 1916 East Street, and discuss affairs of the meetings of the Executive Committee, and then in the evening, with one or two exceptions, the same members would attend the Executive Meetings at the Fort Pitt Hotel. In August, 1948, a Meeting of the District Committee of the Communist Party was called, in the Lecture Room of the North Side Carnegie Music Hall, - that was on Saturday and Sunday, - I do not have the exact date but I can refer back to it, - it was in August, 1948. To this conference, came Henry Winston, Member of the National Board of the Communist Party; Steve Nelson, up to that time Secretary of the Nationality Commission, and Andy Onda, a steel organizer. The principal report at this

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District Conference, which was attended by maybe seventy-five or one hundred Members, the number varying, of course, because some Members would attend one session maybe on Saturday, and maybe not come back on Sunday, - I can give you the names of some of the Members who attended this Conference, but at that particular ^c conference, Henry Winston made the principal report. In his report, Henry Winston stressed the importance of Western Pennsylvania in the struggle to bring Communism to America; Henry Winston said, "The National Board of the Communist Party recognizes Western Pennsylvania as a strategic and focal point in the Communist Revolution; we are sending our best Organizers here to carry on the work of organizing the workers amongst the steel, mining and electrical workers, and the youth." At this point, he presented Steve Nelson, who made his first appearance here. I think it was obvious to most everybody that Steve Nelson was being sent here by the National Board because he knows this District, and the National Board recognizes the importance of Western Pennsylvania because the United States Steel is located here. Henry Winston said, "We are sending Comrade Nelson here

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because the National Board fully recognize the strategic importance of Pittsburgh as the steel, coal and electrical center; United States Steel is located here." He then, also, introduced Andy Onda, who from that time has been a Steel Organizer for the Homestead-Duquesne-Braddock Area, and, of course, this includes all of Western Pennsylvania, but this section up where United States Steel is located has been selected as the concentration area of the Communist Party, U. S. A. Others who have appeared on the scene since this so-called reorganization have been Henry Orzick and Bob Jones, two Youth Organizers; Bill Gordon, a Steel Organizer, and others, like Dave Grant who is now organizing up at East Pittsburgh at the Westinghouse Plant, - and when I say, "Organizing" I am talking about Communist Members, - others who have since appeared on the scene are Sam Reed, an old-time organizer, who was organizing up around Erie. One other thing in this concentration work, many Communists were assigned from the Western Pennsylvania District to this concentration area, Homestead-Braddock-Duquesne, to help organizing up there, some of whom were Alex Steinberg, from Squirrel Hill; Eleanor Sachter who was sent up to that concentration area; Bessie Steinberg, and there were others,

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but these are just a few names that come to me at random. The main thing I want to point out here is that the Communist Party in the U. S. A., recognizes so much the strategic importance of Pittsburgh that they are now concentrating on the specific section where United States Steel is located, the Homestead-Braddock-Duquesne Area.

I would like to go back to the July, 1945 Convention of the Communist Party, and give in my own words the reason why Earl Browder was ousted from Leadership in the Communist Party. In the first place, in the Communist Party every Member is expendable. I attended the National Convention of the Communist Party, in New York, July, 1945, and before and after that date I was sent many articles on the mistakes of the Communist Party. The Jacques Duclose Article ---

JUDGE GUNTHER:

- Q. Jacques Duclose was the Leader of the German Communist Party?
- A. He was the leader of the French Communist Party. On the basis of the National Convention and the meetings I attended before and after that Convention, Earl Browder was ousted from the Leadership for only one reason, a very strategic

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Communist reason, and that is, Earl Browder talked - during the years of the War, especially, - that Communism and Capitalism can live peacefully for a long time to come, and that Communism can be achieved by peaceful means. This particular "crime" after the Dulose article, and at the National Convention of the Communist Party, became known as "Browdersin," the "crime" of teaching and advocating peaceful transition of Socialism, after the 1945 Convention was called "Browderism," and at this Convention and subsequent meetings that I attended in Western Pennsylvania, we came to the conclusion, - and when I say "we", I mean the line was handed down to the Members of the Communist Party to follow, and that is that the only way Communism can be attained in this Country is by following the teachings of Lenin, Marx and Stalin.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q And that is World Revolution?

A World Revolution, that is right, that became International Communism, that we are going to struggle to bring about a dictatorship of the prolateriat, and the Browder books were thrown out, and we were supposed to learn the right books

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in order to educate the masses in their work, that there must be a Communist revolution; we were supposed to be the vanguard of the Communist Party, teaching them to overthrow their bosses, the Government, and so forth. I did mention before that I have often heard Steve Nelson, and others, like Roy Hudson, refer to this Government as "The enemy," and at least one time, - I think it is very interesting, because I talked to Steve about the Chinese Government, and we got to talking about China and help from the United States, and Steve Nelson said, "We should take all the money, machinery and whatever else we can get from the suckers over here; it will help quicken the fight of the new Government."

MR. SHERMAN:

Q That is the new Government of China?

A That is right, he said that that would help us quicken the revolution here, that it would hasten the revolution here, that "We should take all the money, machinery and whatever else we can get from the suckers over here."

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q He meant to say that the American people are suckers?

A That is right, he said, "Let us take from the enemy", that is

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the Government of the United States, "all we can; that will hasten the revolution here." I do not want to use the word "verthrow", I want to say that they are very careful in using such words, especially today, they are a little worried about being picked up on this point. I want to make clear that in their teachings they have many books which today are termed "must reading", theoretical books which must be learned if you want to be a real Communist and vanguard of the working class, you have to learn Marx and Lenin's theories of violent revolution, and teach them to the working class.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q It has been stated officially by the Communist Party that the road to revolution is trade-union movement?

A That is correct.

Q Have you ever been told that, officially?

A Yes, as a matter of fact, I have many notes here. I will try to illustrate this, that the Communist Party works two ways, they work what they term legally and illegally; they also work to infiltrate organization groups, or organized trade unions. However, I want to make it very clear here, because of my own position, that I am very strong for

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unionism; I believe the workers have a right to organize, but I also want to point out that the Communist Party's only interest in trade unions is to utilize them as an instrument for overthrowing the United States Government. I want to make that point clear, because when you expose Communism they are going to say that you are anti-labor, and I am not anti-labor.

Q I know that, Bob. Can you at this time, name off-hand some of the leading Communist labor men in this area, and in what particular branch of the labor field they are carrying on their activities?

A Well, up to this meeting, I have not gone too much into making a list of names, but I can mention some, for example, I have met many times, and I mean Communist Party Members, of the United Electrical Workers, I have met Tom Fitzpatrick.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Is he a Communist?

A Tom Fitzpatrick is a Communist; he has attended Communist Party Meetings here in Pittsburgh and in New York.

Q Did you ever meet a Mr. Amspak?

A No. I have met Jack Sortiski, who is a Communist Party

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Member, I have met him frequently; I have met Steve Rossner, he is a Member of the Communist Party; I have attended Communist Party Meetings with Tom Quinn, who is also a Member of the Communist Party.

Q Did any of those gentlemen make the same statement about a revolution and overthrowing our Government by force?

A Let me be very clear and specific on this. These people do not talk revolution; as a matter of fact, that is the one thing they do not do. They are interested, first in gaining control of trade unions, mass organization. Their program for world revolution is laid down in the teachings of Lenin and Marx, and I have books to substantiate this. I have attended class with Jack Sortiski. Now, in mining here in Western Pennsylvania, while the Communist Party is not too strong, they have been given the job of organizing the Communist Party Members among the coal miners, and they have run into much opposition there, from John L. Lewis, because I believe that John L. Lewis knows what the Communists are up to. Gabe Kish of Washington County has been given the job of organizing the miners in Western Pennsylvania, but they have not been too successful amongst the miners, especially recently.

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MR. SHERMAN:

Q Do you know Albert Smith?

A Yes, I know Al Smith.

Q Do you know Lee Cogan?

A Yes, I knew Lee Cogan very well.

Q Where is he now?

A I don't know; he left here to go to Connecticut, or New Jersey or New York.

Q Do you know Fred Hogue?

A No.

Q Turner, an Officer of the U. E. ?

A No, I don't think so.

Q Do you know any other Trade Union Leaders who are Communists?

A Yes.

Q Bob, will you tell us now, specifically, what office or connections you have with the various Front Organizations or Official Party Organizations, at this time?

A Yes. I will break them down into, first, actual Communist Party Organizations. I have held or hold now, first of all, a Membership in the Communist Part U. S. A., since February, 1943; I have been and still am a Member of the District

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Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania;
I have been a Member of the Finance Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania; at present I am a Member of the North Side Section Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania; I have been a Member of the Tom Payne Professional Branch of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania; I am a Member of the North Side Club of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania; I have been a Member of the Organizational-Educational Committee of the Communist Party; I am at present a Member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party U. S. A; I am Secretary of the Slovene Bureau of the Communist Party, U. S. A.; I was a Member of the East End Club of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania; I was a Member of the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party, Western Pennsylvania. Now, those are the Committees, Clubs or Branches to which I belong either in Western Pennsylvania or Nationally, and most of my National work dealt with Nationality work.

Q All of these offices that you have just recited were acquired as an undercover agent?

A That is correct.

Q For the purpose of obtaining official information of the work

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of this Organization?

A That is correct.

Q And of the Party itself?

A That is right.

Q And you have been asked to remain in this work, for the time being, by us, is that correct?

A That is correct.

Q Will you tell us, for the record, how the Communist Commissions work down through the various organizations, from your notes?

A Yes, I believe I can. For example, some of my most important work was done in the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party U. S. A., which is entrusted with the task of directing the work of Communist Party Members in Nationality organizations. The Communist Party U. S. A., have functioning in this Country a body known as the National Commission of the Communist Party U. S. A., to which job, during my Membership in the Communist Party as an undercover agent, one of the top functionaries of the National Office of the Communist Party was assigned. During my work in the Communist Party, this body - I should say the National Commission - was directed, back in 1944 and the first part of 1945, by Al Landi. After

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the National Convention of the Communist Party, in the Summer of 1945, this work was turned over to Steve Nelson. In 1948, when Steve Nelson came to Western Pennsylvania to organize in this strategic, in the words of the National Board of the Communist Party, "Steel, mining and electric area", this work was turned over to Arnold Johnson, who up to this time was an Official of the Communist Party in the State of Ohio. I want to mention these names because the Communist Party stresses very much Nationality Work when they assign one of their top functionaries, that is, Al Landi, Steve Nelson and Arnold Johnson. I have sat in many policy making meetings. These meetings were called for the purpose of directing the activities of Nationality comrades in such organizations as the International Workers Order; the American-Slav Congress; The American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born; the American Yugo-Slav Relief Committee, and such organizations. It also directed the work of the comrades in such organizations as the Croatian Council; the Serbian Congress; the Slovenian-American National Council; the Communist Press, and the newspapers of the International Workers Order. It also directed the activities of the

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Nationality Comrades in the Civil Rights Congress; in the Progressive Party, and in organizational activities or campaigns either started by the Communist Party or in which the Communist Party felt they could bring the Party line. I want to elucidate a little further on this. In addition to the National Bureau, which met to discuss National Policies, there were Nationality Commissions, and there are presently operating Nationality Commissions in the principal Cities of the United States, having attended meetings in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York with some of the Members of these Commissions; in other words, on a National basis we called it the National Bureau, and at other times when we would meet in the City of Pittsburgh or New York, we would call it a Commission, and we still have Commissions.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q. I want to ask you this question, Bob:- Do you have access to and can you produce, for Governmental Agencies, documents or any evidence of the activities of the Communist Party, besides your testimony, and what is the nature of the evidence that you can produce, correspondence or any other official documents, to establish your connections?

A. Well, first of all, most of those documents that might be termed pertinent evidence were turned over to the Government agency for whom I was operating.

Q Some of them consist of what type of document?

A Well, up until I guess two or three years ago, notices for meetings, for some branch Party Meetings were sent out; reports were typewritten up for Leaders of the Communist Party to take down to their subordinate members, and so forth, and I carried a Party Card for seven years. At the present time, no Party Cards are issued.

Q Since when?

A Well, for the past two years, -- at least, I have not been issued a Party Card for this year.

Q In 1948, Party Cards were issued?

A Yes, they were, but I cannot recollect no Party Card since that time. I know I did not get one this year.

Q Are you a dues-paying member of the Party?

A Yes, I am.

Q To whom do you pay dues?

A Well, I pay dues to the Branch Secretary.

Q What is his name?

A Louis Filopeck. The dues are transmitted to John Vidmar,

North Side Secretary; then they are transmitted to the District Secretary, who transmits them to the National Office.

Q I believe you sat in or were a member of a group that controlled the policy for the East Street publications, at 1916 East Street?

A At times, yes, but not always; they had many meetings that I did not attend because I was not a member of the staff over there.

Q Aside from the staff members, were you present at any policy forming groups or conferences where the staff members were told what the Party wanted carried by the newspapers?

A Yes, I attended many meetings where the papers were told what to do, either by Steve Nelson or by Arnold Johnson.

Q When you say "The papers", just specifically who was told what to do, and did they take orders?

A Well now, here, for example, especially in recent months, there has been a feeling that the papers maybe are not doing as good a job on Tito as they should be doing, so Steve Nelson, up until he broke his leg last November, would attend those meetings. You asked me who some of those members are that he met with, -- well, Leo Fisher.

Q What was his position?

A Well, over there, everybody calls himself the Editor, but Leo Fisher is the Manager of the American Progressive Printing Company, and he also sat in on the policy of the newspaper, as well as Mary Sumrak, Tony Minervich, Arthur Bartl, Frank Tadej, -- I want to point out here that Tony Minervich, Leo Fisher and Mary Sumrak usually are considered the top, at least I thought they were, because meetings were called when others were not there, but they were always there, - now, that is the Croatian Press. Then the Serbians have their own; the Slovaks have their own. On the Serbian Press you have Milo Mamual, Mane Susnjar, Nick Baltich, Charles Viuck. Then on the Slovak Press you have John Rusin and John Suskar.

Q Does George Wuchinich have anything to do with any of those publications?

A No.

Q How about Minervich?

A Minervich is a Member of the Serbian Committee.

Q Do you know where he is now?

A I could not say; I haven't had anything to do with him for quite sometime, - I will say for years.

Q Bob, by the way, who were the Members of the National Bureau

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that you had personal contact with?

A Well, some of the members of the National Bureau with whom I have attended Communist Party Meetings, - and I want to point out here that these meetings were always called by either Al Landi, or Steve Nelson, or Arnold Johnson, who were in charge of the Nationality Commission, - now, these are National Bureau Members who attended Policy Making Meetings on National Level:

George Peronsky, Executive Secretary of the American-Slav Congress;

Sam Meldron of the International Workers Order, and who often times conducted the activities in many of the conferences, in the absence of Nelson or Johnson;

Abner Green, Executive Secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born;

Gus Hall, National Board Member of the Communist Party, from Cleveland, Ohio.

Calvin Brook, Editor of the Ludove Noviny and in charge of Communist Party Work in the Slovak Section;

Leo Fisher, Editor of Narodni Glasnik and in charge of Communist Party Work in the Croatian Field;

Mane Susjnar, Editor of the Slobodna Record and in

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charge of Communist Party Work in the Serbian Group;

Harry Justice, A Croatian Leader from New York City, and active in the Croatian Field;

Leo Bacich, from New York City, an Organizer for the International Workers Order, and active in the Croatian Section;

Matt Cvetic, in charge of the Slovene Bureau and responsible for carrying the Party Line into the Slovene Council;

Daniel Kaschuchek, Russian;

Victor Sunmichko, Bulgarian;

Bolislav Gabert, ---

They are all leaders from various nationality groups in their particular fields.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Bolislav Gabert is now in Poland?

A That is correct, he is now in Poland. When he was here, he was in charge of the Polish Bureau;

Zakor Burnsich, he is from Akron, Ohio;

Mike Ptkech, Ukranian Leader;

Israel Ampter from International Workers Order.

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Now, there may be additional Members, but those are the ones at the present time as I recollect that I attended National Bureau meetings with, and they were responsible for carrying down the Communist Party Line right down through Steve Nelson, Arnold Johnson or Sam Meldron. I think that on one occasion I attended a Meeting when Isreal Ampter of the National Bureau was Chairman of the Meeting. From my observations, I would say that Sam Meldron more than any of the others took a hand in directing the work of the Bureau and the Commission. From this make-up of the Bureau, I want to point out that every nationality has its own leader, and this leader is expected to take it down to his own Commission members; for example, I was a Member of the Slovene Bureau; my job was to take down the Party Line to the members of my Commission, and although we had members in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York and Pittsburgh, I was expected to carry the Party Line to them, so that they could carry it to the organization where they functioned.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Did you ever meet any of those eleven top Communists who were just convicted?

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A Yes, I mentioned Gus Hall, and I have met Bill Foster, and John Williamson, and Henry Winston and two or three others, and, as I mentioned before, there are local Commissions, if you want me to give you the names of the local Commissions.

Q All right, get it on the record, what local Commissions are here in Pittsburgh?

A Well, the local Commissions, - now, oftentimes we do not meet as one body; it depends upon the particular problem to be discussed, for example, if it was a Croatian problem, then the Croatian members and the Commission, locally or Nationally, would meet to discuss that particular problem; if it was a Yugo-Slav or a Serbian problem, the same procedure would be followed, depending upon the particular problem to be discussed. Now, locally, we were set up something like this:

On the Croatian Commission for Western
Pennsylvania there were:

Anthony Minervich,
Frank Borich,
Arthur Bartl,
Steve Mirokovich,
Frank Tadej,
Leo Fisher,
Mary Sumrak,
Anna Devenich and
Steve Devenich.

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Now, I want to point out that when this Bureau would meet separately, they would invite other Communists from around Western Pennsylvania to participate in hammering out policies, and then the Leaders of the Croatian Commission, locally, would meet either Arnold Johnson or Steve Nelson, and before that, Al Landi would handle the work of the Organization.

Now, in the Serbian Group, there were:

Milo Mamula,

George Wuchinich,

Mane Susnjar,

Charles Viuck,

Drago Kosich and

Nick Boltich.

Rinervich, a man I believe you mentioned before, was also a member of the Bureau.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q ~~X~~ Rinervich is no longer in the Country, is he?

A I cannot answer that; I have not been in touch with him for a long time. I have attended Party Meetings with Rinervich.

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A (Continued) Then in the Slovak Group, here locally, there were:

Calvin Brook,

John Rusin, and

John Zuskar.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Did you ever run into Frank Borich?

A Yes, while I attended many meetings with Frank Borich, he was not one of the leaders.

Q What about the old editor of the National Slovak News, the fellow with the beard?

A No, he was not a Member of the Commission; I never met him at any Communist Meetings. The Poles really have not amounted to much here locally in the Communist Party. In the Polish Group here locally, there were:

Joe Rudiak, of the American-Slav Congress here in Pennsylvania, and

Paul Kluvo, of the International Workers Order.

In the Ukranian Group here locally you have:

Mike Hanusiak, of the International Workers Order.

In the Slovenian Group you have:

Matt Cvetic, he was usually the only Slovene who

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attended Commission Meetings.

Now, in the Jewish Section, their work, the Nationality work, for whatever reason I do not know, but they were never too successful, for some reason. In the Jewish Group there were:

Max Jenkins,

Abe Strauss, now in Cleveland, Ohio, and

Jack Bigler, who attended Meetings, but their work, for some reason or other, was never too successful.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Let me ask you something:- You apparently have named several Slavic Groups?

A Yes.

Q You have not mentioned anything about Italian Groups; for example, are you acquainted with whether or not they have a Commission here?

A Yes, I am. Again I will say that on three or four occasions we have had members of the Italian Commission, and even of the Greek Commission, but they were old-timers who attended three or four meetings and what activities they carried on never tied in with the Nationality work. However, they were

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invited to participate in some of the Commission Meetings.

Q That work was more directly connected with the Slavish Organizations?

A That is right.

Q Were there other members equally active in the Nationality Groups?

A Yes, for example, you may go to Detroit and find Poles more active, or you may go to Chicago and find another group more active, or go to Cleveland and find the Slovenians more active.

Q Were there any other Groups in the Pittsburgh area who were active, aside from the Slavic Groups?

A Oh, yes, for example, the Ukranian Group is active.

Q Well, the Ukranian is Slavic, isn't it?

A Yes.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q What about the Negro Group, are they active?

A Yes, there is a Negro Commission here.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Do you know who the Head of their Commission is?

A Yes, Ben Greenberg, - he is an admitted Communist.

Bob Porter

MR. SHERMAN:

All right, Bob, we want Judge Gunther to ask you some questions that he has in mind, and see if you have the material available and are able to answer them at this time.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Bob, do you have evidence in your files to prove that the American-Slav Congress was inspired and directed by Moscow?

A I cannot say that I have evidence to that effect in my files to prove whether it was inspired or directed by Moscow. I will state, as I mentioned before, that Members of the Croatian Group and of the Yugo-slav Group have discussed with Members of the Polish and the Serbian Groups the policies and the activities of the American-Slav Congress, but I have never received any directives from any of these.

Q Weren't you a Delegate to the American-Slav Congress in 1941, September 20th to 23rd, in New York?

A Yes, I was.

Q Do you recall a man being there by the name of General Gunderhoff, a Russian General, at that meeting?

Bob Porter

A Yes, I do.

Q Did you meet him?

A Yes, I did.

Q Isn't it a fact that he was sent over here at that time to direct the Youth Movement in this Country, in the High Schools and Colleges?

A Whether he was sent over here for that purpose, I cannot answer that, but I can say this, that he stressed very much the work amongst the youths in the high schools and colleges; I cannot answer whether he was sent here for that specific purpose, but he stressed that work here.

Q Do you know how the Communists finally sized control of the entire National American-Slav Congress?

A Yes, I can answer that, because I have been a Member of the Nationality Bureau of the Communist Party here. We would hold strategy meetings before every Meeting of the Executive Board of the American Slav Congress, the Executive Committee. In 1944, we actually planned the work of the American-Slav Congress, held in Pittsburgh here.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Who did?

Bob Porter

A The Nationality Commission of the Communist Party.

Q The Local Nationality Commission?

A No, the National Commission. George Perensky, Mary Perensky and Al Landi were here to direct the work, and at these meetings we would discuss who should be the Secretary, and so forth, and the decision was made that George Perensky should be the Secretary, and so forth.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Is it a fact that the Communists prepared the Resolutions, and also prepared a list of the Members, and also gave orders to every Communist Member present?

A That is correct. We would prepare beforehand the Resolutions that we wanted to present; we would delegate certain Members of the National Board or Committee; in other words, I was told at a particular Commission Meeting in 1944 that my name was going to be proposed as a Member of the National Committee, and so forth.

Q I want to ask you another question:- Were you one of the Members of the Communist Party that planned and helped the Communists to gain control of the Croatian Fraternal Union?

A I sat in at many meetings where this was discussed. This

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was discussed by the Nationality Commission, and so on down through the Communist Party. It was planned and carried down specifically by the Croatian Bureau, and carried, because its importance was stressed, to the other Nationality ~~comrades~~ comrades of the Croatian Fraternal Union. We often met together to discuss strategy to get hold of this.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q With reference to that particular Organization, was it ever mentioned that it had a lot of finances that might come in handy?

A That was never raised in any Commission Meeting. I would have to go back to the original purpose, to get control of mass organizations and trade unions, that was the purpose.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Also because the Croatian Fraternal Union had newspaper connections?

A That is right.

Q Do you feel, as a Member of the Communist Party, that the Communists form a Fifth Column that operates among the Slavic Groups to get control?

A Very definitely so, very definitely so.

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Q And in the Unions?

A And in the Unions.

Q And in the International Workers Order?

A Very definitely; as a matter of fact, they have control of the International Workers Order; every organizer I have met of the International Workers Order is a Member of the Communist Party.

Q Are you acquainted with their method of character assassination of our citizens who are fighting the Communists?

A Yes, I am. Probably after this meeting, I may be a victim of this myself.

Q Were you part of the staff that prepared the pamphlet known as "People versus Judge Blair Gunther"?

A Yes. The way that pamphlet was prepared was in this manner:- We had a meeting of the Nationality Commission. Steve Nelson projected the idea that we should attack Blair Gunther on the basis of some documents that were furnished by Paul Kluvo, and some information that Calvin Brook was supposed to have about Judge Gunther. After discussion in the Commission Meeting, a Committee composed of Calvin Brook, Matt Cvetic and George Wuchinich was set up to prepare this pamphlet.

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Now, the work of this particular pamphlet ---

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Let me interrupt at this point. These individuals, were they the only ones that took part in the preparation and planning of this pamphlet?

A No, the entire Nationality Commission probably was asked to supply whatever information they had about Judge Gunther, - he was not referred to as Judge Gunther, - they called him a son-of-a-bitch and all kinds of things.

Q When was that Meeting of the Nationality Commission first ordered?

A I cannot give you an exact date.

Q About what year?

A In 1949.

Q In 1949, definitely?

A Yes.

Q What part of the year?

A I would say about the spring or summer.

Q Where was that meeting held?

A 1916 East Street, in the Office of the Slav Communist Press.

Q Who called that meeting?

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A Steve Nelson.

Q And these men or Members of the Party that you have mentioned attended, is that right?

A That is correct.

Q And the purpose of the call was explained by Steve Nelson?

A That is right.

Q And he called upon all of the persons present to get whatever information they could, for what purpose?

A For the purpose of preparing a pamphlet attacking Blair Gunther.

Q Did he say he wanted facts, or did he say he wanted anything?

A No, they were very particular on getting facts, because we discussed the Libel aspects of this, and after the material was all prepared by Calvin Brook, who as Editor gathered all the material, then at another meeting, George Wuchinich asked that Hymen SCHLESSINGER should check it for Libel and then return it to Calvin Brook, and they decided to do that.

Q Did they tell you why, Bob, or what was the purpose of publishing this type of pamphlet?

A Well, as far as I can recollect, the things that were discussed at that time, Judge Gunther was becoming active, trying

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to educate the youths, the College students here, against the dangers of Communism. So then Steve Nelson thought that it was time to let the students know what a son-of-a-bitch Judge Gunther is. So then it was decided that the best way to answer this is to expose Judge Gunther to the College students, and so on, and to the Nationality people, and the idea was to get this pamphlet out to the College students, to the Nationality fraternal organizations, and so on, to expose Judge Gunther.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

- Q One of the things pointed out in this pamphlet was that the National Congress was not held in Detroit, but that it was held in Pittsburgh, in 1938, which was only Tri-State. Well, that was an untruth, wasn't it?
- A Well, there was a Conference here in 1938.
- Q That was not a National Conference?
- A No, it was not, - it was Tri-state.
- Q But this pamphlet at that time claimed that it was a National Conference?
- A Well, that is not true. I want to make it clear, however, that I did not attend the 1938 Conference.

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MR. SHERMAN:

Q Who finally decided what was going to be published and who edited the publication?

A You mean the Gunther pamphlet?

Q Yes.

A The final decision was made by Calvin Brook, George Wuchinich, Steve Nelson, Matt Cvetic and Hymen Schlesinger.

Q Will you tell us how many were printed?

A 5,000.

Q How many of them have been circulated?

A Well, I would say not more than 1,000.

Q Whose job was it to circulate those pamphlets?

A Matt Cvetic's.

Q Where were they printed?

A 1916 East Street.

Q Was it the expressed purpose of the publication to counter the influence of Judge Gunther among the Slavic people or Slavic organizations?

A The Slavic people, the Slavic organizations, College students, - the purpose of the pamphlet was to discredit Judge Gunther.

Q Whether by fact or whether by fiction, the purpose was paramount?

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A That is right, - paramount.

Q Did you participate in the publishing or in the drawing up of any other publications similar to this one, since you have been connected with the Party, against individuals who have opposed the Communist Party Line?

A No, I have not attended, or, rather, I have not participated. I have been instructed at different times to attack different individuals from the platform because of their anti-progressive or anti-labor stand. For example, if I did not make my position clear on labor, I believe in Trade Unionism. My only purpose here is to expose the ill-purpose of the Communist Party, - not Trade Unions. However, they will label me as being anti-union.

Q You have heard of other individuals who have opposed them in the Trade Unions, too?

A Yes.

Q Including myself?

A That is right.

Q Were you in or any other planned character assassination programs, in regard to any other individuals?

A Well, I attended two or three meetings, since you mention yourself, I attended two or three Meetings of the Communist

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Party where your name was discussed, brought up, and your activities as an anti-Communist, and this was brought up specifically in your activities in the United Electrical Workers in their battle with Communism, and they said, "That Harry Sherman" - of course, they did not call you Harry Sherman, - "That son-of-a-bitch", - and bigger words than that, - they said, "He is out after a Ten Thousand Dollar a year job in the A. B. C." I attended two or three meetings, I do not recall exactly, but it was said a lot of times that they are going to expose you as anti-labor, anti-trade unions, and so on. I don't know how far they got with it. I was not in the U. E., but I sat in at two or three meetings where your name came up.

Q Did you ever sit in on any meetings, or were you ever a Member of the Steel City Industrial Union Council?

A Yes, I was a Member of the Steel City Council back in 1942-1943; I was then the president of the State-County Municipal Workers Local; I attended a few sessions at that time; I was not too active; I was asked by the Party to vote this way on certain things, but I was never in on any strategy. At that time, Jack Strobel, who was State Head and a Member of

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the Communist Party, I attended meetings of the Professional Branch, and he would come and ask me to do certain things,

but I was just a voting member, just a yes-man.

Q Did you know any Members of the Newspaper Guild, any Communist Party Members?

A Well, I never met any; for example, there is, -- I don't know whether I should mention names here, -- I don't know that he is a Party Member, even though his wife has met with Communist Party Members and attended Communist Party Meetings, -- I don't know that I should mention his name here, as he now working for a Pittsburgh Newspaper, but his wife attends Communist Party Meetings.

Q What is his wife's name?

A Eleanor Seidenburg.

Q He is with the Sun-Telegraph?

A The Post-Gazette.

Mr. BURNS:

Q At the time that Station K. Q. V., turned down the program of the American-Slav Congress, and they were talking about suing, about bringing a suit, what happened, do you recall that?

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A Yes, there was a vote at that time, I think, I don't know, either Roy Hudson or Steve Nelson was here at that time, I think Steve Nelson was here at that time, and there was a vote at that time, and we discussed it at two or three meetings, Steve, George and myself, and it was felt best, instead of suing K. Q. V., because this would take a lot of time and get mixed up in Court proceedings, we would try to get another station and put it over. So then we dropped it; we did not file suit; we did not want to get mixed up in Court.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q Why is it that the Communists dropped the program or would not discuss Communism on K. Q. V., why did they drop it?

A I cannot answer that. They are always willing to go out and discuss Communism with anybody. I cannot answer that.

Q You recall the program?

A Yes, I do, but I cannot answer that.

Mr. SHERMAN:

Q You know about the program on W. L. O. A., now, how was it that they selected that Radio Station for their activities in the Turtle Creek Valley?

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A I can answer that in this way, that was done through the Nationality Commission; Calvin Brook is a good friend of Mr. Matta, and even though I have a lot of respect for Bill Matta, Mr. Matta has been a continuous contributor to the American-Slav Congress, and he has always been very sympathetic to the Communist Cause.

Mr. BURNS:

Q Has Mr. Matta ever contributed to the Communist Party as such?

A I cannot answer that.

Mr. SHERMAN:

Q Your program on W. L. O. A., is that still continuing?

A No, that has been off the Air for six, seven or eight months.

Q Do you have a record of the speeches that were put out over that Station?

A I have copies of all the speeches.

Q Is any Station presently being used in this area by any of the Communist Front Organizations or by the Communist Party officially?

A Well, I have not paid too much attention to W. L. O. A., but I do know that up until recently, the Polish had a program, and

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they may still have it; and the Ukrainians may still have a program, I don't know. The Polish program was in charge of Paul Kluvo, and Arthur Bartl, and the Slav program was in charge of George Wuchinich.

Q Is George Wuchinich an actual card-holder member of the Communist Party?

A Yes, sir, he is a card-holder. He lives down around McKees Rocks.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q You were Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Congress?

A That is right.

Q For how long?

A I would say two or three years.

Q And do you have all the records, as Secretary?

A Most of my records were submitted to the Government agency by whom I was employed. I do have some records; for example, you asked me about speeches, - I have those speeches; I have credentials from 1942, of American-Slav Congress.

Q Do you have a membership list for Western Pennsylvania?

A I believe the credentials of the last conference would probably show that; I have those; I would be glad to submit them.

Bob Porter

MR. BURNS:

Q Bob, if the Communist Party would know that you are here giving this information, would there be any attempt at violence against you, physically?

A I think so, yes, I am quite certain that there would be. I believe my best safety in this would be getting this known publicly, and then the likelihood of them doing anything to me would be lessened.

JUDGE GUNTHER:

Q You would then have the protection of the Government agency?

A That is right.

MR. BURNS:

Q Do you know of any physical attack made on any other person who gave out information detrimental to the Communist Party?

A Well, the only time I can recollect of anybody talking about any violence, and I do not even know the name of the person, but Joe Godfrey, back in 1943, 1944, or 1945, told me they caught up with an F. B. I., undercover agent, out in Duquesne or Braddock, somewhere, and he said they gave him a Hell of a good beating. I was never able to substantiate this. I reported it to the Office.

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MR. SHERMAN:

Q Was any threat ever made against you?

A No.

Q Do you know of any individuals in the Communist Party or any agency who might carry out any violence?

A Well, I have attended meetings, - I think I mentioned Lee Cogan, - I sat at Lee Cogan's table one time, when he told me, "Jesus Christ, I can hardly wait until the Revolution comes, and then we can take some of these Clergymen and throw them down in the river.", and I have heard Steve Nelson make similar statements, and I have reported them, - there was no special reason why the statements were made, except that they would be talking about the day when they are going to exterminate the ruling class.

MR. TAYLOR:

Q Is there a branch of the Communist Party that specializes in disciplining Party Members?

A Well, that is usually set up as a Disciplining Commission, usually composed of the hierarchy of the Party.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Would Steve Nelson be on this Commission?

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A Yes, Steve Nelson would be entrusted with the task of seeing that what they call "Community democratic affairs" are carried out by the Members, and with the task of carrying on discipline among the Members. If you are given an assignment, you are supposed to carry it out, and so forth, and under discipline would come character assassination.

MR. BURNS:

Q Has Steve Nelson ever boasted of his so-called achievements regarding the atomic bomb?

A That is a good question to raise. I have heard different people ask questions about the atomic bomb. I have never heard Steve Nelson boast of his achievements regarding the atomic bomb, - I am quite sure that Steve is a little too shrewd for that; as a matter of fact, asking such a question is one thing that I have continually refrained from, as being a dangerous question to ask.

MR. SHEPHERD:

Q The Serbian Progressive Club of Wilmerding I understand is controlled by the Communist Party. Do you know any of the Officers out there?

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A Well, I never worked too close with that Club out there. We called two or three Relief Meetings out there, and I found out that Marko ~~Goodich~~^{Goodich} he is a Member of the Communist Party, and Mrs. ~~Goodich~~^{Goodich} is a Member of the Communist Party, and Charlie ~~Viuck~~^{Viuck} he is a Member of the Communist Party, and Dominic Sardich, his son is active in the U. E., and he is a Member of the Communist Party.

Q Do you think a Club of that sort should have a Liquor License?

A Well, that is a good question to raise. For example, I was a Member of the Board of the Slovenian American National Council, which is a political arm of the Slovene Fraternal Organization, - let me correct that, I will not use the word "political" - it is sort of a form of Relief Organization but has become more or less a political body. Now, when I was a Member of the Board, we had three other Members on this Board, and I would meet with Steve Nelson, or with Arnold Johnson, or with the Commission, and let them know there was going to be a Board Meeting. Then we would discuss how best to carry into this Board Meeting what we wanted. It was my job to take up those questions in the Board Meeting what we wanted carried out; for instance, it was my job to

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fight against Tito. Now, if you go into a Club of this sort, for example, we organize peace affairs, - we know that everybody is working for peace, - we try to get a Resolution passed for peace, - well, there are reasons for this, I could elaborate on it from a political viewpoint, - but we urge the passage of this Resolution for peace, - now, these resolutions are very subtly worded, but on the surface it is just a resolution for peace, and there are one hundred and forty millions of Americans who are for peace, and so we get the resolution passed, -- what the Hell, everybody is for peace, and it is easy to get the resolution passed.

JUDGE GUNTHER?

Q Do you remember Reverend Lawson?

A Yes, - the last time I heard of Reverend Lawson, they finally exposed him as a Trotskyite.

MR. SHERMAN:

Q Have you heard anything at all about the interest of the Communist Party in the Westinghouse Atomic Bomb Plant in Pittsburgh?

A Specifically, no.

Mr. [redacted]

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Q Now you were taken into custody, or was there any discussion held with you concerning, concerning espionage activities of the Communist Party?

A Well, I will go back to when Mr. Nelson was here, 1942, 1943, 1944, I cannot be specific about the year, but at that time the Penetration project was in the making, and we were endeavoring a lot of people to the activities, and I was in the United States Employment Service at that time; I met with Mr. Nelson two or three times, and he asked me if I could not give him some information in certain employments, such as the various plants in certain Pennsylvania.

Q The number of employees

A The number of employees, type of occupation, and so on. I will tell what I could say, first, of course, I reported back to my supervisor every day what I was doing, and told him what he had asked me for, and he told me to get some of the information and send it to him before I turned it over to him. So I went to the United States Employment Service, went through the files, and gathered some of that information, collected it in the U. S. E. S., and then turned it over to Mr. Nelson.

Q Now Mr. Nelson was asking you, or was he also through you,

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to accumulate any information regarding any industry in the City of Pittsburgh or in Western Pennsylvania?

Q No, I cannot say that Steve is a.

Q Have you been friendly with Steve?

A I have been friendly and worked with Steve since the summer of 1945.

Q Did you know when the House Un-American Activities Committee Investigator was looking for him, and trying to subpoena him, that you help him evade the Investigator of the House Un-American Activities Committee?

A Yes, I think I did, because I knew where Steve was all the time. There was somebody else who got me and asked me where Steve was, and I said I never saw the guy.

Q Did Steve ask you to cover up for him?

A He called me that morning, and he said, "Let the sons-of-bitches look for me for a while."

Q Are you ever out at his house?

A Yes, I was.

Q In Herronville?

A Yes.

Q Was there any party meeting held out there that you know of?

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1 Not to the best of my knowledge. I sat in his car with him
often and discussed policy with him, but we never held a
Party Meeting out there. Now, he may have, without my
knowledge; for example, we have here a District Board of
the Communist Party, composed of about six members. Well,
they usually meet in a home, in Andy Andols home, or in my
home, and Steve Nelson could have had a District Board Meeting
in his home.

2 Did you ever meet Congressman Harry Savenport?

1 Yes, I have met Harry.

3 Was he ever at any meetings with Communist Party members who
told him that they expected of him?

1 No. I have filed some reports on Harry, but he has never
attended a Communist Party Meeting, to the best of my
knowledge. He has met with Communist Party Leaders, and
they have discussed policies with him, -- now, I am speaking
only of hearsay because I did not attend those meetings.

2 Did the Communist Party support him?

1 Yes.

3 To the extent also publicly on the U. L. O. A. programs?

1 That is right.

4 And the attack on McDowell, did you have any part in that?

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A Yes.

Q Did you know that the Communist Party was planning and carrying out the attack on John McDowell?

A Yes, because I was on the District Committee at that time, and McDowell came in for more than average attention; as a matter of fact, our activities were combined in that district for the sole purpose of defeating McDowell, and we felt at that time that if nothing else was accomplished in Western Pennsylvania, a real fine job if we could defeat McDowell.

Q Isn't it a fact that the Communist Party is organized into Congressional Districts?

A Yes, we are organized into Congressional Districts, that is correct. If you want the actual breakdown, I can give it to you.

Q Do you have that?

A Yes.

Q Would you mind having that put in the record?

A Well, we are concentrating on organized work, on mass organization in the Progressive Party; each Party member is expected to be active in his Progressive Party Club. Now, as far as the make-up of the Communist Party here at the

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present time, we have a District Board, a District Committee; we have branches, we have sections, we have the North Side Section, we have the Steel Section, we have the Lining Section, and so on; then we are broken down into clubs and branches; then those clubs and branches are broken down, for security reasons, into groups of five. I mention "for security reasons" because we have no member cards now, we issue no record with names.

Q Is there any list of membership of the actual number of the members of the Communist Party available to you?

A Not at the present time. I believe, in my nine years, I have submitted to my employer probably the names of several hundred.

Q How many actually members would you say, for the record, are in the Communist Party, at this time?

A You mean in Western Pennsylvania?

Q Well, let us speak of Pittsburgh, first?

ALBERTSON (R)

A Well, at the last count, based on Bill Robinson's figures, who is the District Secretary, it could not run much over 550 members. Now, in Western Pennsylvania, going up as far as Erie, Johnstown and Cambria County, I would say there are possibly 1500.

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Q Could you say, during the time you have been a member of the Communist Party and worked with them, that the majority of their activities were secret and clandestine, rather than open?

A I would say that all their planning is secret.

Q So that the argument that if the Party were outlawed it would drive them underground, means nothing, is that right?

A In my mind, I would say that is right.

JOHN WATKINS:

Q Do you feel that the efforts of this Committee in the schools, in the unions and in the fraternal organizations, are doing any good towards combating the Communists?

A You are talking about the N. A. A. C. Committee?

Q That is right, or any other anti-communist organization?

A I can answer that question with a categorical statement. I have done this work for nine years, and I am convinced, by my experience and work in the Communist Party, as an undercover agent, that there is absolutely no compromise with Communism. Any work that is done to combat it is going to be good work. In making these statements, if I can convince as many as a dozen people to take up an active fight against

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injunction, then I feel that my work is well done.

THE COURT:

Q Sub, before closing this session of your testimony, you understand that what has been said here will be transcribed and reduced to deposition form?

A Yes, I do.

Q And you are willing to sign and swear to this deposition?

A Yes, sir.

Q And are you willing for us to use this deposition, or to call upon you to appear before legally constituted bodies or courts, for the purpose of verifying the information you have today testified to?

A Yes, I am not only willing to do that, but to do anything else that you call upon me to do that is pertinent, that I am in a position to do.

Q Have you been offered anything whatsoever, by any person, for the purpose of cooperating with this movement?

A No, I have not. Do you want me to answer why I am doing this?

Q No, we do not have to. It is for the purpose of making public all your knowledge, and to break with your undercover work, is that right?

A That is right, that is correct.

DEPOSITION CLOSED.

I hereby certify that I am an Official Court
reporter, that I took stenographic notes of the above-mentioned
deposition, and that the foregoing notes contain a full, true,
complete and accurate transcript of all my said notes.

/s/ James J. Bailey
Official Court Reporter.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI :
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I, _____ :
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Before me, a County Judge in and for the
County of Jackson and State of Mississippi, personally

appeared _____, and

having been first duly sworn according to law, deposes and
says that he has read the foregoing deposition, and that the
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Given to and subscribed before me :
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On February 17, 1950, Investigator LOUIS J. RUSSELL of the HCUA, advised in confidence that the above individual had been subpoenaed to testify before the HCUA at 10:30 A. M. on February 18, 1950. After issuance of the subpoena, information was received from a Hearst Newspaper reporter in Pittsburgh that STANTON's true name was MATTHEW CVETIC, who had been an informant for the F. B. I. and who had received permission to reveal that he had been an informant. RUSSELL advised that if any information were subsequently received from CVETIC that he would advise this office as CVETIC would probably be subpoenaed for an open hearing.

This information was telephonically furnished Night Supervisor MOYNIHAN on Friday evening, February 17, 1950.

On the afternoon of February 20, 1950, RUSSELL advised that CHETIC would appear in an open hearing of the HCUA at 10:30 A. M., on February 21, 1950.

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'Communist' FBI Man Will Give Committee Names of Reds Today

By the Associated Press

The House Un-American Activities Committee called Matthew Cvetic today to relate what he learned as an FBI agent about Communist operations during the nine years he posed as a loyal party member.

Frank S. Tavenner, jr., committee counsel, told reporters that most of Mr. Cvetic's testimony will deal with Communist activity in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Cvetic, 41, lives in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Tavenner said Mr. Cvetic at times worked closely with Steve Nelson. Nelson has been identified by the committee as the Communist leader for Western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Tavenner also told reporters in advance of the hearing that Mr. Cvetic will name persons he said were active in Communist work.

Committee staff members have been questioning Mr. Cvetic behind closed doors since Saturday.

Chairman Wood said in a statement that Mr. Cvetic "made known his willingness" to testify before the committee and the decision to have him testify in public followed preliminary questioning by the staff.

How the committee learned about Mr. Cvetic and his willingness to testify has not been disclosed.

Mr. Wood said Mr. Cvetic, while employed by the U. S. Employment Service in 1941, volunteered to become an under-cover operative for the federal government.

He actually joined the party in 1942, and rose step-by-step to high position in the party. He was appointed to the nationality commission of the party's national board in 1944, a position he has since held.

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 FROM : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN *LL*
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At 1:10 P.M. on February 21, 1950, in the absence of SAC Hottel, who was at lunch, and ASAC Hennrich, who was momentarily out of his office, I contacted Supervisor [redacted] of the WFO and instructed that arrangements be made immediately to cover the hearing of the HCUA Committee at which Cvetic was to testify.

I also told [redacted] that if it were possible to obtain the results of this morning's hearing discreetly, this should be done and the Bureau furnished with the information obtained.

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There are enclosed herewith five articles which have appeared in Pittsburgh newspapers re captioned individual, three of same having been published in the "Pittsburgh Press" (Scripps Howard daily) on 2/19/50; one in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" (Hearst daily) on 2/19/50; and one in the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette" (Block daily) on 2/20/50.

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It is noted that numerous inquiries re CVETIC have been received at this office from local press and radio representatives and that the answers, in all instances, has been "no comments."

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Tells All to Spy Hunters

'Commie' Leader Here Unmasks Self as FBI Agent for Nine Years

**Matt Cvetic Identifies Party Members;
Active in Score of Red Front Groups**

By ROBERT TAYLOR

One of Pittsburgh's top "Communists" yesterday revealed himself as a long-time undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

For nine years he has been a "Communist" and a leader in many of the organizations set up here by the party. And during all that time, he said, he was a paid agent of the FBI.

Now, he's talking—naming names and giving details. He's telling how the party is organized, how it works and what it's trying to do.

He's telling why the Communists declared Pittsburgh a "concentration area" and how they're working to increase their influence here.

The "Communist" who fooled the party's smartest leaders for nine years is Matt Cvetic, 41, a native Pittsburgher, long known as a leader in more than a score of Communist and party-front organizations.

As such he was a close associate for 4½ years of Steve Nelson, highly-trained Communist agent and head of the party in Western Pennsylvania, accused of atom-bomb spying in 1943.



MATT CVETIC
Appears at secret hearing.

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Meets Investigators

Mr. Cvetic started his expose in Pittsburgh, while still a member in good standing of the Communist Party, but after he ended his connection with the FBI. He met yesterday in Washington with investigators for the House Un-American Activities committee. He will testify publicly before the committee Tuesday.

He testified under oath at a secret hearing in Pittsburgh Feb. 7 before County Court Judge Blair F. Gunther, chairman of the Committee to Stop World Communism and founder of the Americans Battling Communism.

In his testimony he said:

1—That Communists are taught in classes conducted in Pittsburgh that violent revolution is necessary to bring Communism to the U. S. He said the terms "violent revolution" usually are masked under other terms, but that teaching materials are intended to convey that thought.

He said one of the recent classes he attended was taught by William Albertson, secretary of the party here, at a Wood St. address.

2—That Steve Nelson was sent here as party leader be-

cause the party's "National Board fully recognizes the strategic importance of Pittsburgh as the steel, coal and electrical center—U. S. Steel is located here." He quoted Henry Winston, National Board member and one of 11 top Communists convicted of conspiring to teach overthrow of the government to that effect.

Nelson, the witness added, habitually refers to the U. S. Government as "The Enemy." At one point, Nelson said—according to his former associate—that Communist China "should take all the money, machinery and
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whatever else we can get from the suckers over here."

3—That "the Communist party recognizes so much the strategic importance of Pittsburgh that they are now concentrating on the specific section where U. S. Steel is located, the Homestead-Braddock-Duquesne area."

As part of this plan a new steel "organizer" was brought into Pittsburgh within the past year. More recently, a special "youth organizer" was brought in to set up "Labor Youth Leagues," Mr. Cvetic said.

4—That "the Communist Party's only interest in trade unions is to utilize them as an instrument for overthrowing the U. S. Government."

He named some union leaders who, he said, were members of the Communist Party or had attended Communist meetings.

5—That the Communist party operated as a "fifth column" among Slavic and other nationality groups, to control their organizations and bring them under the party line.

This work, Mr. Cvetic said, is done by the party's nation-wide "Nationality Commission," once headed by Steve Nelson. Mr. Cvetic himself was a member of this Commission, working in the Slovene group. There also were local Commissions working on nationality groups.

Party Control

It was through this Nationality Commission, he testified, that the party was able to control such groups as the American-Slav Congress, American Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born, American Yugoslav Relief Committee and International Workers Order.

The same Commission also directed the work of Communist agents in the Croatian Council, Serbian Congress, Slovenian-American National Council and Communist-dominated foreign-language newspapers.

Mr. Cvetic said he sat in on policy-making meetings of this group in New York, Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland.

6—That three Slavic-language newspapers, published at 1916 East St., North Side, were "told what to do" by Communist Party leaders, through their Nationality Commissions.

Papers Follow Line

The three newspapers, known supporters of the Communist Party line, are the Slovak language "Ludove Noviny," the Croatian language, "Narodni Glasnik," and the Serbian language "Slobodna Rec."

Mr. Cvetic said there was a feeling among party leaders that the three papers weren't doing "as good a job on Tito as they should be doing." As a result, he said, Steve Nelson attended the policy meetings until he broke his leg last November.

7. That the Communist party is concentrating on mass organization in the Progressive Party, which nominated Henry A. Wallace for President in 1948.

"Each party member is expected to be active in his Progressive Party Club," he said.

Started in 1941

Mr. Cvetic testified he got into undercover work in April, 1941, when an FBI man whom he identified only as "Agent X" came to him and induced him to "work along" with the Communists.

He was then a civil service employe of the U. S. Employment Service, placing applicants industrial jobs here. He was able to get the confidence of Communist Party members by placing men they referred to him in jobs, he testified, and he became known as "an all right guy."

He joined the party 22 months later, in Feb., 1943, he testified, after a party meeting at Fifth Avenue High school. His sponsors included Elizabeth Gurley Flinn, now a member of the party's national committee, then in Pittsburgh to make a speech.

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Dodged Atom Question

Under questioning by Harry Alan Sherman, attorney and member of the Americans Battling Communism, Mr. Cvetic said Steve Nelson never had asked him for industrial data.

He was asked if Nelson ever had said anything about the work he did in Berkeley, Cal., where Nelson was charged with atom spying in 1945.

"I have never heard Steve Nelson boast of his achievements regarding the atomic bomb," he replied. "I am quite sure that Steve is a little too shrewd for that. As a matter of fact, asking such a question is one thing I have continually refrained from, as being a dangerous question to ask."

Attacks on Officials

Mr. Cvetic also told details of Communist Party smear attacks on public officials. One was against Congressman John McDowell, Wilkesburg Republican and member of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Mr. McDowell was defeated in the 1948 election.

"Our activities were combined in that district for the sole purpose of defeating McDowell, and we felt at that time that if nothing else was accomplished in Western Pennsylvania, we had done a good job if we could defeat McDowell," he testified.

Another smear campaign was against Judge Gunther himself, who conducted the hearing. The judge asked who wrote a pamphlet, circulated by the Communists, entitled "The People vs. Judge Blair Gunther."

Helped Write Pamphlet

The witness said the pamphlet was prepared at the direction of Steve Nelson and that he—Mr. Cvetic—was one of three assigned to write it. He, himself, did the circulating of the publication.

Mr. Cvetic estimated there are 550 Communist Party members in Pittsburgh and around 1500 in Western Pennsylvania. He

said he turned in to the FBI around 1000 names of party members during his nine years under cover.

There are no membership lists at present and no party cards are issued "for security reasons." He also said that for the same reasons party clubs and branches are broken down into groups of five.

To Continue Fight

Mr. Cvetic said he was making public all he knows about the Communist Party to break connections with his undercover work. He said he will continue to fight Communism.

"I am convinced, by my experience and work in the Communist Party, as an undercover agent, that there is absolutely no compromise with Communism," he said.

"Any work that is done to combat it is going to do good. If I can convince as many as a dozen people to take up an active fight against Communism, then I feel my work is well done."

Mr. Cvetic remained an active member of the Communist Party until Friday night, when he took a train for Washington to meet with investigators for the House committee.

The testimony he gave Judge Gunther and Mr. Sherman was released for publication after he was served with a subpoena to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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Reds Here Duped By FBI Agent



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MATT CVETIC

...his masquerade is over...

Undercover Man 9 Years Tells 'Inside Story' Of Area Commies

By JAMES MOORE

Matt Cvetic, long known as one of the "big guns" in the Communist Party in Pittsburgh, yesterday dropped his hood of deception and revealed he has served as an undercover FBI agent for nine years.

Cvetic, better known to the Reds as "Bob Stanton," began unfolding the "inside story" of Communist activities and conspiracy in the Pittsburgh district at a closed meeting with investigators of the House Un-American Activities Committee yesterday in Washington.

He will testify at a public hearing Tuesday.

Cvetic, unbeknown to several party well-wishers officially broke with the Communists here when he left by train Friday night for Washington under subpoena from the committee.

SPEAKS FREELY—

He ended his connection with the FBI last month.

Thus, he is now able to speak freely on his nine years of undercover work.

Cvetic started his exposure of the local "red" organization

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FBI Man Tells of Posing as Red 'Big Gun' Here

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last month, while still a party member, when he made a secret deposition to County Court Judge Blair E. Gunther.

At that time he disclosed that the Communist Party, recognizing the strategic importance of Pittsburgh as a production center, began "concentrating" here, especially in the "specific section where U. S. Steel is located, the Homestead-Braddock-Duquesne area." For that reason, he said, Steve Nelson, head of Western Pennsylvania Communists, was sent here.

USE OF UNIONS

He also declared that the party's "only interest in trade unions is to utilize them as an instrument for overthrowing the U. S. Government."

He listed names of union leaders who are Communists, and persons who are contributors and sympathizers to Red activities.

Cvetic said that classes are conducted here to instruct party members in the necessity for the violent overthrow of the government.

He disclosed that the party is operating as a "fifth column" among local nationality groups in an effort to bring them under party control, and that Communist bosses here tell three Slavic language newspapers published in the North Side "what to do."

WALLACE PARTY

In addition, he said, the party is attempting mass organization of the Progressive Party which nominated Henry Wallace for President in 1948.

Cvetic was put under committee subpoena and a guard was assigned to his undisclosed residence in Washington. His testimony yesterday was important.

In addition to listing new names in the Communist underground operating in the east, particularly among Slav groups, Cvetic revealed Communist Party machinations in the labor field.

He also bolstered the House committee's plan to recommend a perjury case against Toma Babin, alleged Yugoslav Communist and lieutenant of Nelson's in operating among American Slavs.

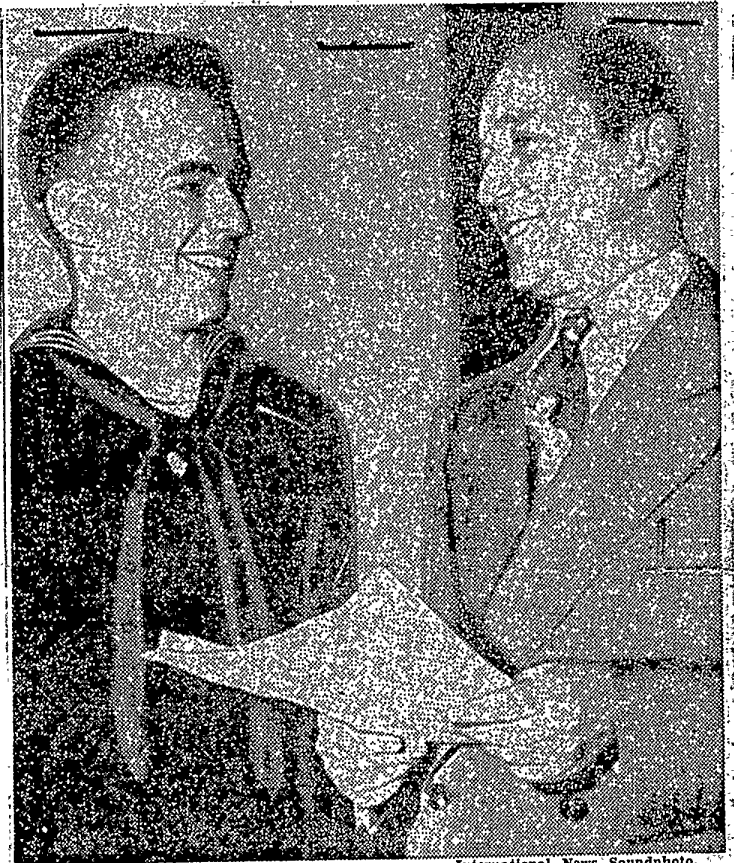
Cvetic testified that he was present in a New York Hotel in June, 1947, with Nelson and Babin. Babin had denied attending such a meeting.

For nine long years Cvetic, alias Stanton, lived in the sinister world of Communist conspiracy and intrigue in Pittsburgh.

And he played his part well—so well, in fact, that he duped his family and friends as thoroughly as he did his Red comrades.

Forty years of age and small in stature—he's five feet four inches and weighs 147 pounds—Cvetic was no small fry in the Communist Party.

In fact he was on the inner circle of the party's most important policy meetings here and in other



RICHARD F. CVETIC

... now he knows his father was not a Communist ...

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cities. His job titles in the party prove this.

POSED AS WRITER—

For the past five years, the FBI agent lived at Hotel William Penn under the name of Stanton. He posed as an author of books and correspondent for trade publications.

There he met with other FBI agents and typed out hundreds of secret reports on Communist Party activities and its members.

Judge Gunther, founder and director of the Americans Battling Communism, said:

"He's lucky. If the Communists had found him out, he would have ended up in the river some night—a dead man. He has lots of guts and did a great job."

Cvetic left the FBI in January. He said nine years of Communist undercover work was all he could take and he would like now to fight them in the open.

That's why his story can now be told.

His revelations must have rocked the Communist Party here and elsewhere.

But it all came as a welcome surprise to his 18-year-old twin sons, his father, six brothers and four sisters. Even his divorced wife who lives at 934 Saxonburg Blvd., Shaler Township, was undoubtedly surprised.

One son, Matthew J., is a freshman at Duquesne University and plays the organ at St. Ambrose's Church, Spring Hill.

The other, Richard F., is in Washington with the Navy as an apprentice seaman.

Upon his arrival in the capital, due to the offices of the Sun-



MATTHEW J. CVETIC
...believed Dad was Red...

Telegraph, Cvetic first breakfasted with Richard.

CHIDED BY SONS—

Cvetic said:

"I'm glad to unmask for the sake of my boys. Every time they saw me, they tried to get me to quit the party. They called me a bum and would say, 'Hey, Dad—why don't you give up the Commie business.'"

"Then they would ask if I went to church and then snicker."

"Naturally, I couldn't tell them I was working as undercover agent despite the fact they ridiculed and laughed at me. I felt pretty bad about it and pretty helpless."

Through a series of unusual circumstances in 1946, I discovered that Cvetic, whom I knew as Stanton, might possibly be an FBI agent.

After he left the FBI last month, he told me:

"I'd like to make the story public. I believe it would serve the best interest of the people of the Pittsburgh district and at the same time would vindicate me in the eyes of my sons, family and my friends who think I'm a no-good Commie."

So I took him to see Attorney Harry Alan Sherman, an outstanding fighter and spokesman against Communism. Sherman arranged for him to go before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

BIG JOBS—

The committee was naturally interested.

He was one of its leading organizers and headed many Communist-front groups such as the American Slay Congress. Also, he was chairman and secretary of the Labor Press Committee, which held affairs to help raise money for the Communist Party.

His committee tried to bring William Z. Foster, America's No. 1 Communist, here for a picnic at Linden Grove, Castle Shan-

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non in August, 1948, but the borough stopped it.

Cvetic was born in Lawrenceville March 4, 1909, and attended St. Mary's Catholic School, Fifty-seventh St. His parents were born in Austria and he speaks the Slav tongue fluently.

CLERK IN STORE

That's probably one of the reasons the FBI singled him out to spy on the Communist infiltration into nationality groups.

He attended St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, for two years, then took a business course at the old Curry Business College.

From 1925 to 1927, he was a clerk in the I. W. Scott Co. seed store, 500 Liberty Ave.

His next job was manager of the Etna Furniture Co. and it was during this time that he married Marie D. Barsh. She divorced him in 1945. She is a sister of Barbara Barsh, well-known singer who for a time edited the magazine, "The American Slav."

From 1932 to 1935, Cvetic operated gasoline stations at 8900 Frankstown Rd., Penn Township, and at 913 Butler St. After that, he worked on a crime survey for the Department of Justice.

STATE JOB

In 1938, he got a civil service job as a placement interviewer for the Pennsylvania State Employment office, 526 Penn Ave.

It was while working under Councilman Patrick T. Fagan, then head of the employment service, that the FBI asked Cvetic if he would work as an undercover agent.

He said he started to work for the bureau in April 1941.

From that time on Cvetic started to attend Communist Party meetings. He said:

"I favored Communists in certain jobs and in that way got in better standing in the party."

Rated as a "good comrade,"

Cvetic said he was asked several times to join the Communist Party. But he played a hard-to-get role which fooled a lot of Commies.

It wasn't until Feb. 1943—22 months after he went to work for the FBI—that he was officially proposed as a bona fide member of the Communist Party of the United States at a meeting in Fifth Ave. High School.

'GOOD COMRADE'

He said:

"My family raised h— when they heard I was a Communist. My mother who was a very good Christian did everything she could up to her death last October to get me to leave the party."

Cvetic held his important post at the employment office until Dec. 1, 1945 when a drive was on to oust known Communists.

To help keep up his front, Cvetic got a job as an insurance agent and even insured many party members, he related.

LONG HOURS

Once he went to the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corp. to place his application for a job, Cvetic recalled:

"The next day when I returned the fellow in the office laughed at me and said he didn't know why I wasted my time coming in. He said, 'we checked on you and you're a Communist'."

In his Communist role, Cvetic said he had to work long hours every day and had to give up all bourgeois entertainment such as football, baseball and basketball games. He said:

"I lived a lonely life and a dangerous life. The fact is, I hate Communism and despise any form of totalitarianism."

"Every American should fight Communism. It's a one-way trap that takes away your individual freedom and liberty."

As a Communist, you are nothing more than a number. The good of the party comes first. You might as well be in Western Penitentiary."

SECRET ROLE

Cvetic continued:

"One day several years ago, however, I did have a narrow escape when I bumped into Steve Nelson in the hotel. He accused me of following him and I said the same thing. Then I charged him with being an FBI agent and he said the same thing to me. We had some hot words for a few minutes but it blew over."

Cvetic said his father, Frank, has been very sick and will be happy to learn that he was a make-believe Communist.

FAMILY HAPPY

And so will his six brothers and four sisters. One of them is Sister Hildegard, music teacher at Divine Providence Academy, Lincoln Ave.

His brothers are: Frank, who runs a store at 5100 Butler St.; George of 5137 Natrona Way, an employee at the Heppendstall Co.; Louis of 919 Butler St., Etna, who runs a garage; Benjamin, a meat market clerk; Theodore of 221 Grant Ave., Millvale, an auto mechanic and Bernard of 5609 Carnegie Ave., a mechanic.

His other three sisters are Mrs. Amelia Wagner of 541 Walnut St., Blawnox; Mrs. Cecelia Hofer of Monaca, Pa., and Mrs. Margaret Rosswog of 3445 Penn Ave.

As Cvetic stepped on a train for Washington Friday night, he said:

"I met today with several Communist leaders. They were not the least bit suspicious. One of them—an attorney—talked about getting into the insurance business in a big way. Won't his face be red when he hears the news."

"I really hope I have been of service to my country."

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Red Leader in District Revealed as FBI Agent

Man Active in Local Communist Ranks Goes Before House Group

Matt Cvetic, 41, Said to Have Been
Working With G-Men for Nine Years;
Held High Posts in Radical Unions

The lid has blown off the Communist Party organization in Western Pennsylvania with the startling revelation that Matt Cvetic, considered one of the district's high-echelon "Reds," is a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent.

Cvetic, 41, a short-statured man, cheery with a worried

look, appeared Saturday before an executive session of the House Un-American Activities Committee. He will meet with them today and in a public hearing tomorrow.

Joseph Thornton, agent-in-charge of the Pittsburgh district office, would neither affirm nor deny yesterday that Cvetic had been working hand-in-hand with the G-Men for the past nine years, as Cvetic claimed.

Cvetic was executive secretary of the American Slav Congress, a Communist front organization, and it is believed that when he decided to reveal his true identity, he took the files of the ASC with him.

At the Un-American hearings, he was described as a veritable "sponge of information" pouring out the details of the Pittsburgh Communist network. The files are expected to document many of his statements.



MATT CVETIC

After nine years, he tells 'all.'

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Said to Have Left FBI

Cvetic reportedly severed his connection with the FBI in December by "mutual" agreement. It was explained that in the past year, the Communists went "underground," no longer issuing party cards or keeping records. Since the party was to be operated on a more-or-less anonymous basis, a known Communist was felt not to be as valuable an agent as an unknown one. At least this was one explanation.

If Cvetic was an FBI man and not a "true-red" Communist, he then was definitely a "martyr." A native of Pittsburgh, he was employed in 1938, as a placement interviewer for the Pennsylvania State Employment Service. He aided the party in that position by favoring Communist job-seekers, he said.

Began Communist Career

He said he contacted the FBI in 1941 and then began his Communist career. In February 1943, he became a card-carrying Communist. His family—he has six brothers and four sisters—considered him a pariah. They had little to do with him, and were very cold to him last fall at their mother's funeral.

His father, Frank Cvetic, Sr., has been ill but showed much improvement yesterday when he heard the news of his son.

"We all ignored him and berated him as a Commie," Frank, Jr., a grocer of 5100 Butler Street, said. "Now, we'll have to eat crow."

Cvetic was directed to the Un-American Activities Committee by Attorney Harry Alan Sherman, an outspoken anti-Communist.

Knew All About Him

"I made the arrangements with the committee but didn't mention him by name over the telephone," Sherman said. "They were interested but they really got excited when I finally told them it was Cvetic. They knew about him, in fact the committee had a file on his activities."

Cvetic left the employment service in December, 1945, and began selling insurance. He lived at the William Penn Hotel under the name of "Stanton." He is divorced from the former Barbara Brash and has twin sons, 18. Matthew J. is a Duquesne University student and Richard F. is in the Navy in Washington.

The unclinking of the cloak-and-dagger agent will probably shock Steve Nelson, party head in Western Pennsylvania, the most. He and Cvetic have been close friends for five years.

Nelson at various times suspected that Cvetic might be an under-cover FBI man and confronted him with such allegations. Cvetic, to throw off suspicions, always made counter-accusations, claiming Nelson was an FBI spy.

Cvetic's chief function in the Communist Party was as a member of the network's "Nationality Commission." Its purpose, Cvetic said, was to infiltrate into nationality organizations.

Cvetic was particularly useful in the Slovene groups, since he spoke the Slav tongue fluently. He said the party controlled the American Slav Congress, American Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born, American Yugoslav Relief Committee and International Workers' Order.

In 1942 and 1943, Cvetic was president of the local union of the State, County and Municipal Workers—a union since expelled from the CIO—and was a member of the Steel City Industrial Union Council, CIO.

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'Red' Kept FBI Job Secret From His Entire Family

Mother Died Thinking He Was a Commie;
Disguise Cost Cvetic His Sweetheart

Matt Cvetic ended a nine-year period of double and triple identities when he stepped off the train yesterday in Washington, prepared to tell a Congressional committee all about the Communist Party in Pittsburgh.

He left here as "Bob Porter," a cover name given him to shield his real identity until he met with investigators for the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Until he got on the train Friday night, he was still Matt Cvetic, long known as a Communist leader here and hated by

patriotic citizens for his support of Communist activities.

Verified Party Members

He was also known to FBI agents as one of their crack undercover men, able to produce information on the innermost secrets of the Communist Party, and the man who verified the membership in the party of hundreds of persons in the Pittsburgh district.

Employees of the William Penn Hotel knew him as "Bob Stanton," a business man of sorts who was a permanent resident of the hotel—just a few blocks away from Communist headquarters on Grant St.

For Matt Cvetic was so adept at the risky business of double identity that he was able to live well at the City's largest hotel while posing as a fanatical champion of Communism just two short blocks away.

Confers with Nelson

In fact one of his last acts, before leaving Pittsburgh and dropping his Communist life, was to confer with Steve Nelson, the leader of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania, former inspector of the Communist underground in the U. S., alleged atom bomb spy and graduate of the Lenin Institute in Moscow.

He got word Thursday that Nelson "wanted to see him." That was after he had revealed his undercover connections to a few trusted Pittsburghers who recorded his story.

He went to the conference with Nelson. What they talked about probably will be the subject of testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee next week.

Matt Cvetic is 41, stands about five feet, four inches and weighs about 140 pounds. He was born and reared in Lawrenceville, educated at St. Vincent's College, and is known to thousands of Pittsburghers.

He's a jaunty, cheerful sort of

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man, glib when talking along the Communist Party line—the kind of man who can arrange meetings, organize clubs and unions and direct activities. The Communist Party used his abilities without realizing that they were placing an informant in strategic places.

"I've been acting a part for nine years," he said when he left Pittsburgh. "I've got so many different identities, that I can hardly keep track of them all. When I get off the train in Washington, I'm going to be Matt Cvetic and nobody else."

There were ticklish moments during the nine years. One was when Roy Hudson, party leader here until 1948, quizzed him about why he became a Communist.

Uses Double Talk

Mr. Cvetic replied with a lot of double talk about his sympathy for the workers who were being trodden under the heel of capitalism.

"Are you working for anybody?" Hudson wanted to know. (In Communist language, "working" means being on the payroll of someone who wants to know what goes on in the party.)

"Oh, I have a job," Mr. Cvetic replied innocently, describing the "cover job" which Communists are required to have, to shield their real occupations.

Hudson dropped the subject.

Flurry of Fear

Recently, a flurry of fear and indignation ran through the Communist Party. In the trial of 11 top Communists in New York, the Government put on the witness stand FBI undercover agents who had been Communist Party members up until the time they took the witness stand.

Pittsburgh Communist leaders discussed the possibilities of there being a "stool pigeon" in their ranks.

Steve Nelson growled threats and looked at Matt Cvetic.

They Drop Subject

"Are you working for the FBI?" he rasped.

"Are you?" Mr. Cvetic retorted. Both men grinned and dropped the subject.

Nelson didn't know it, but Mr. Cvetic almost was a witness in the New York trial. He was actually waiting in the back of the courtroom for his turn to testify when the Government decided his testimony wasn't needed.

He related that he was sent back to Pittsburgh, by train—and almost was spotted during the trip. A leading figure in Communist activity in Pittsburgh got on the train in Philadelphia and entered the same coach.

Hides on Train

Mr. Cvetic ducked behind his newspaper, waited until the man passed by, went to another part of the train, covered himself with newspapers, and pretended to sleep. But he didn't sleep a wink.

Mr. Cvetic at one time was a member of a three-man disciplinary committee of the party which dealt with the case of a member who was found to have been "working" for the FBI.

The three top Communists grilled the man at length.

"There are other party members working for the FBI," he said, stubbornly.

Couldn't Name Any

"Who are they? Can you name them?" pressed Mr. Cvetic.

Fortunately for Mr. Cvetic, the man couldn't name any others.

Another time, during a meeting, Dave Grant, Communist functionary here, passed Mr. Cvetic a note, which read: "There's a stoolpigeon in your club." (It referred to one of the clubs—the basic unit of the party—of which Mr. Cvetic was a member).

Mr. Cvetic thought fast. There were only 10 members of the club and he knew who the "stool pigeon" was—himself.

Vouches for All

"There are only 10 members," he told Grant, "and I can vouch for all of them."

The nine-year impersonation disrupted his personal life. When it started he had a civil service

job as a placement officer with the U. S. Employment Service. When he left Pittsburgh Friday night, he had no job.

His family—he was one of 11 children of a family well-known in Lawrenceville—didn't know he was working undercover. They thought he was a bona fide Communist.

Family Didn't Know

His mother—who tried for years to reform his Communist thinking—died last October, without knowing that her son was working for the Government. His aged father, Frank Cvetic, now living in Blawnox, won't know it until he reads this. One sister, a nun, has been praying for his salvation.

Mr. Cvetic has two sons by a former wife, one a student in a local college and the other in the Navy, who didn't know their father wasn't a real Comrie.

Gets Kicked Out

Mr. Cvetic might have remarried a few years ago. But the father of the girl he loved threw him out of the house.

"I'm not going to have any Communists around here," the father said.

As for what he thinks of Communism, Mr. Cvetic left this word when he left Pittsburgh:

"I'd rather sit in the City dump, picking garbage, than live under Communism."

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Red Probers Quiz Pittsburgh Agent

Public Hearing Set For Cvetic Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (UP). — Chairman John S. Wood, Georgia Democrat, announced today that the staff of the House Un-American Activities Committee has "extensively interrogated" a secret agent for the U. S. Government who is a top member of the Communist Party.

Mr. Wood said that the agent, Matthew Cvetic of Pittsburgh, will testify at a public hearing Tuesday.

Mr. Wood said Mr. Cvetic "made known his willingness to testify before the committee ... and was placed under a subpoena for his appearance here today."

"Mr. Cvetic, in 1941, while in the employ of the U. S. Employment Service, volunteered to become an undercover operative for the Federal government," Mr. Wood said.

Mr. Wood said Mr. Cvetic first

held various Communist Party offices in Pennsylvania and was appointed to the nationality commission of the National Board of the Communist Party in 1944. He still holds that position, Mr. Wood said.

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Nationality Work

Because he is of Slovene descent, Mr. Cvetic said he later was asked to do nationality work. He became, in turn, a member of the party's district committee, finance committee for Western Pennsylvania, Northside section committee, Tom Paine Professional Branch, North Side Club, Organizational-Educational committee and Nationality Commission. He also was secretary of the national party's Slovene Bureau, and a member of the East End and Lawrenceville Clubs.

It was during this period, also, he said, that he served as president of a local union of the State, County and Municipal Workers. That union, now known as the United Public Workers, was expelled from the CIO Thursday on grounds of Communist domination. As president of the Pittsburgh local, Mr. Cvetic was a member of the Steel City Industrial Union Council, CIO, in 1942 and 1943, he testified.

While he was still a placement officer for the U. S. Employment Service, in 1945, Roy Hudson, then head of the Communist Party here, asked him for information about the numbers of men employed in industrial plants.

Employment Date

That was when the Manhattan (atom) project was under way and at a time when large numbers of job applicants were being sent to war plants, Mr. Cvetic said.

"I reported back to the Government agency (FBI) by whom I was employed, and told them what he had asked me for," Mr.



TAKES OATH—Judge Blair F. Günther swears in Matt Cvetic, who spent nine years in the Communist Party as an FBI undercover man, just before secret hearing in Pittsburgh, at which Cvetic told how the party works here.

Cvetic related. "They told me to get some of the information and submit it to them before I turned it over to him.

"So I went to the U. S. Employment Service, went through the files and gathered some of that information, checked it with the FBI and then turned it over to Roy Hudson."

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FROM : J. A. CARLSON

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SUBJECT: MATTHEW CVETIC - FORMER CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANT
ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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Pursuant to the instructions of the Director concerning the recent publicizing by Matthew Cvetic, a former National Defense Confidential Informant in Pittsburgh, of his accomplishments as an "undercover Agent for the FBI," the history of Cvetic's relationship with the Bureau has been reviewed and the problem of the development of National Defense Confidential Informants considered. The following analysis, conclusions, and recommendations are set forth:

VALUE AS AN INFORMANT

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There is no question but what Cvetic has been one of the most productive informants we have had. He was a paid informant of the FBI from February 1943 to January 1950. He had been contacted some years prior to 1943 but did not work himself into the Party until 1943, at which time payment of \$15 a week to him was initiated. He was employed by the United States Employment Service from 1937 to 1945. He was previously employed in private industry both as a Clerk-Typist and later as a Salesman. He was employed by WPA for one year. He has produced reports predominantly on a daily basis concerning the details of Communist activity in the Pittsburgh area, particularly among the foreign element and on a national basis concerning foreign language groups. He was an executive committee member of the Tom Paine Branch, East End Club; Northside Club; organizer for the Lawrenceville Club; a member of Educational Committee of Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party; member of the District Committee of the Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party; member of the Nationality Commission, Western Pennsylvania District of the Communist Party; secretary of the Slavic Bureau, Communist Party. He also held numerous positions in various Communist front organizations, such as American Slav Congress, Yugoslav Relief, American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, International Workers Order, etc. He was a confidant of Roy Hudson and had contacts with Steve Nelson. In April 1948 we considered him as the best possibility for gaining entrance into the high inner circles of the Communist Party, after having considered all members of the National Board, The National Committee, and prominent Communists.

BACKGROUND AND BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT AS AN INFORMANT

Cvetic was born in Pittsburgh in 1909, attended St. Mary's Parochial School, from which he graduated. He attended St. Vincent's College for two years, Curry Business College for two years, and took a correspondence course given by the International Criminologist School, Seattle, Washington. He presented a good appearance. At the time of his development as an informant he was married, buying his own home, and had two sons who were twins. He was an interviewer for the United States Employment Service at this time. He was acquainted with some Communists by virtue of this position as they sought to secure employment through this service. By this type of employment he was in a position to ascertain who were Communists and this position was one of the things that made it possible for him to develop in the Communist Party as the Communists recognized the service which he could perform in their

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He came from a large family, having six brothers and four sisters. His mother and father were naturalized citizens, having both been born in Austria. One of his sisters was a nun at Divine Providence Academy. Cvetic gave every indication at this time of being a responsible, capable person.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED WITH CVETIC

There is no record of any difficulties until March of 1947 when it was ascertained he had told his girl friend, her parents, and his brother, to approximately five years ago that he was supplying information to the FBI. The Bureau at the time advised Pittsburgh to discontinue his services but such action was reconsidered and abrogated when the Pittsburgh Office advised his services were irreplaceable.

In May 1948 he asked for \$100 a week as payment for his services instead of the \$65 which we were paying him. He stated he could not live on \$65 and pointed out his only source of income was serving as an informant for us. He stated he was paying \$105 a month for a hotel room and was paying \$75 a month to his divorced wife for the support of their twin sons. He was further indebted in the amount of \$450. He advised he was unsuccessful in obtaining employment in private industry because of his known Communist affiliations, and further that his health did not permit him to work for both a private employer and the Bureau. This request of his was refused, however, later in August 1948 we authorized expenses up to \$20 per week, making a total of \$85.

In December 1948 it was ascertained he told [redacted] of Carnegie Illinois Steel he was an undercover man for the FBI. He made this disclosure to [redacted] in an effort to secure employment. He was also considering writing his memoirs. Pittsburgh recommended his discontinuance as an informant. In view of the fact, however, that he was a potential witness in the forthcoming trial of the Communist Party officials he was not discontinued.

In March 1949 it was ascertained he had contacted a psychiatrist since 1933 at which time he had been the victim of a firmly fixed "anxiety neurosis" being an unjustifiable conviction that he suffered from heart disease. This had no basis in fact.

In recent years there has been an indication that Cvetic is a moody individual subject to alternating periods of enthusiasm, self pity, and depression.

In August 1949 Cvetic again stated his desire for compensation at the rate of \$100 per week.

In September 1949 he indicated his desire to quit as a Confidential Informant indicating he might write or lecture. However, he requested that some kind of public pronouncement be made by the FBI concerning his services as an informant and also that some kind of severance remuneration be given him so he can take care of some back debts and take a three or four weeks rest. He indicated that his work in the Communist Party was causing increasing embarrassment to his mother, father, brothers and sisters, and his two eighteen year old sons. He also indicated that at the time his wife secured a divorce he had signed over

his equity in his joint home as his wife threatened she would disclose his relations with the FBI if he did not do so. The Bureau, of course, would not agree to any public statement nor did the Bureau agree to severance pay. However, it was finally determined to continue paying him up to the middle of November 1949. In November 1949 Cvetic advised that apparently his letter had been misinterpreted and he earnestly desired to continue in the capacity of an informant. With regard to his family situation, Cvetic said that the death of his mother in October 1949 had relieved the pressure since most of his family contacts revolved about his mother. In December 1949 it was ascertained that Cvetic made further disclosure of his activity in behalf of the Bureau to a [redacted] Jones stating that he was an FBI Agent and counterspy of the Eastern seaboard, that he was carrying a revolver and threatened to blow her head off if she called the FBI. It was also ascertained that [redacted] manager of the hotel where Cvetic lived, stated that Cvetic had on occasion told him that he was working for the FBI within the Communist Party. The Pittsburgh Office recommended that his services be discontinued since it was found that he had disclosed his confidential relationship to at least two more individuals, however, it was requested that the Bureau give consideration to whether the informant should be immediately discontinued or whether he should be retained for a short time in order that he might be publicly disclosed at a forthcoming Immigration and Naturalization hearing at which he might be a witness.

On December 27, the Pittsburgh Office was instructed to discontinue the services of Cvetic as promptly as possible, that this should be done as quietly as possible, and, if Cvetic had no objections, that his name be given to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Pittsburgh Office pointed out in answer to these instructions that the severance of Cvetic as an informant is fraught with potentialities which could be embarrassing to the Bureau.

Cvetic was discontinued as an informant January 23, 1950. He stated he held no ill will towards the Bureau. He advised he would be forced to take some kind of action if he were not contacted in the very near future by the Immigration and Naturalization representatives.

PROBLEMS IN HANDLING CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE INFORMANTS

We must recognize that in developing Confidential National Defense Informants we are dealing with individuals who by nature of the work in which they are engaged are very likely to be subject to periods of depression which, of course, presents problems to the Bureau. Cvetic is perhaps one of the best examples. Assuming that by ascertaining more information concerning Cvetic at the outset and a decision on the part of the Bureau that we would not attempt to develop him as an informant, the Bureau would have been deprived of information of untold value. We must recognize also that it may be natural for these informants to go through periods of rather intense depressions and mental anxiety brought on by the problems which they have to meet, such as being labeled a Communist in the eyes of their friends and relatives. This, of course, is also particularly true when they are also having financial difficulty. It is likewise impossible to ascertain what an informant is going to do or say, particularly after he has been discontinued as an informant.

Assuming that Cvetic's services had been discontinued in 1947 when

we first learned he had disclosed his position to other persons, that he was working for the FBI, there would, of course, have been the possibility at that time that he would have publicly disclosed his services to the FBI and the information he had developed. This might have been more serious or more embarrassing to the Bureau at that time than it is even at the present. The problems presented by Cvetic are not necessarily unusual or unique. It is necessary in many of our contacts with informants of this nature to encourage them, bolster their morale from time to time, and do everything within reason to continue their productivity as informants.

INFORMATION CONCERNING INFORMANTS PRIOR TO THEIR UTILIZATION

The Bureau regulations require that considerable inquiry be made of individuals prior to their development as informants, such as checking field office and Bureau files, determining background, patriotism, reliability, integrity, and general reputation in the community, personal history, credit and identification records, trustworthiness, and loyalty.

We must appreciate that we can not make inquiries comparable to those made in an applicant type investigation. We therefore must confine ourselves to more discreet inquiries.

RECOMMENDATION:

That an SAC Letter be prepared for dissemination referring to the Cvetic situation and again alerting the field of the necessity of adequately developing background information before a person is designated as an informant. It may be possible in certain instances to obtain more information from the potential informant himself, not necessarily in one interview but over a period of several contacts such as ascertaining his medical record, inquiring as to who his doctor is, the occasions upon which he has visited the doctor and the reason. This might bring out a situation such as existed in the Cvetic case that he had gone to a psychiatrist.

More detailed inquiries be made if possible concerning his domestic status, including any marital difficulties. Inquiry should be made concerning his financial status to ascertain whether we are going to have any problem on our hands in connection with financial arrangements.

Bureau regulations require that Agents in their contacts with informants advise them that they are not employees of the FBI and that it is imperative that their relationship with this organization be kept in absolute confidence, and that no disclosures by the informant be made without obtaining specific authorization from the Bureau. It is suggested that this be reiterated in an SAC Letter and that Agents continually emphasize these points to the confidential informants.

Attached hereto is a proposed SAC Letter.

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There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information
2 articles which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Press" of 2/20/50;
1 article which appeared in the "Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph" of 2/20/50;
and 2 articles and 1 editorial which appeared in the "Pittsburgh
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Commie Leaders Here in Frenzy As Trusted 'Red' Reveals Secrets

Expose Caught Them Flat-Footed

Communist Party leaders here were tossed into turmoil today by the disclosure that one of their "big guns" had been working as an undercover FBI agent for nine years.

They called the ex-FBI man, Matt Cvetic, everything from "a Dr. Jekyll" and Mr. Hyde" to names that can't be printed.

From their comments, it was obvious the Commie leaders here were caught completely flat footed by the expose. They were angry, frightened and perplexed. Steve Nelson, the chairman of the Western Pennsylvania Communist Party, who may wind up in the Reds' doghouse as a result of the Cvetic case, could not be located late into the day.

But one of his right hand men, William Albertson, the district secretary, screamed:

"He (Mr. Cvetic) gives me the same feeling as Aaron Burr and Benedict Arnold."

The story (concerning Mr. Cvetic's undercover activities) showed the desperation of the employers when they have to hire FBI agents to do their spying instead of using the money to give the workers a 10-cent raise.

Albertson verified that Mr. Cvetic had held a membership card in the Communist Party.



JAMES H. DOLSEN

"Nowadays you can't tell."



WILLIAM ALBERTSON

"Who's excited?"

"Did you consider him as a friend?" he was asked.

"I consider all members of the organization friends of mine," Albertson replied.

"Did you know about this work?"

"No comment," Albertson insisted Mr. Cvetic held "no office whatsoever" in (Continued on Page 9, Column 5)

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Red Leaders Here in Frenzy

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the party but was "just a member." He also said the party leaders here hadn't scheduled any meetings to discuss the case.

Attack Predicted

Meanwhile, James H. Dolsen, the Pittsburgh correspondent for the Commies' official publication, The Daily Worker, predicted this organ will have "plenty to say about Cvetic."

That's one prediction that is sure to come true. Mr. Cvetic himself said "the Commies will go all-out to crucify me" once they learned of his role as an FBI agent.

He (Mr. Cvetic) must have been a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," Dolsen said. "That sounds pretty fishy that he lived at the William Penn Hotel."

[Mr. Cvetic was a permanent resident of the hotel under the name of Bob Stanton and was known as a businessman of sorts.]

"We must have lived in glory over there," Dolsen moaned. "None of our people can afford that."

"Nowadays you can't tell what is happening. Truman has \$100 million he doesn't have to account to anybody for. Cvetic probably got paid well for his spy work."

Had \$30 Left

Actually, Mr. Cvetic said he had \$30 left when he departed by train for Washington Friday to testify tomorrow before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

When he takes the stand at a public hearing, there is bound to be much more squirming in Communist circles here than ever before. The worst is yet to come as far as the Reds are concerned—because Mr. Cvetic is armed with hundreds of names he intends to list publicly.

As one anti-Communist leader here expressed it:

"There are probably a lot of folks buying one-way tickets out of Pittsburgh today."

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FBI Agent Lists Reds for Spy Probers

**Hundreds Named
At Secret Hearing**

*Family of "FB-Eye" proud now,
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By TONY SMITH,
Press Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—

Matt Cvetic continued to rip the mask off the Communist apparatus in Western Pennsylvania here today, leaving it red-faced and bare in all its ugliest aspects.

In more than 14 hours of questioning, the dapper ex-FBI undercover agent who posed as a top Pittsburgh Communist for nine years, has reeled off hundreds of names, dates and details for the House spy hunters.

He has identified as dues-paying Communists and underground workers many scores of Pittsburgh-area residents. He said all of them attended meetings confined to active members of the party.

Sources at the Un-American Activities Committee claim that when Mr. Cvetic's full story is told publicly beginning tomorrow, it will literally smash the Communist party in Western Pennsylvania.

They also believe it will depose Steve Nelson as Communist boss of the vital Pittsburgh industrial area. Nelson is a Russian-trained Communist agent and reputed inspector general of all Communist underground activities in the U. S.

He is accused of operating a Soviet atom spy ring on the West Coast during the war.

Questioned at Length

Mr. Cvetic was a trusted and highly-placed "lieutenant" of Nelson as late as Friday night when he boarded a train in Pittsburgh for Washington. He voluntarily accepted a committee subpoena at 9:30 Saturday morning.

Since then he has been under continuous questioning by the spy hunters with time out only for eating and sleeping. The questioning will go on today and tonight.

The witness is described as the "most valuable" informant on Communist activities the committee has heard since Paul Crouch, the Miami newspaper employe who broke with the Commies after 15 years as a top organizer.

Received Orders Friday

Mr. Cvetic was in touch with Nelson last on Friday afternoon. At that time Nelson gave him orders to establish a Slovene insurance company in Pittsburgh which was to be operated as a Communist front organization.

Mr. Cvetic told the spy hunters he assured Nelson he "would look into the matter early next week."

He said he was sure Nelson had no inkling that the man he had worked with as a top "Communist" leader for 4½ years was about to blast Nelson's organization wide open.

Checked With FBI

Before he testified, the committee investigators satisfied themselves that Mr. Cvetic was what he claimed—a paid undercover agent for the FBI from April 1941 until about six weeks ago. This presumably was established through FBI headquarters here.

Only one outsider was admitted to the closed hearings at which Mr. Cvetic presented his

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Hundreds Exposed Here As Commies

Party's Plans, Leaders Named

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evidence against the Communist party.

He was Seaman Second-class Richard Cvetic, of the U. S. Navy's Anacostia base, one of the twin, 18-year-old sons of Matt Cvetic.

Richard had thought for years that his father was nothing but a "no-good Communist" and his father's notoriety made things tough for him among his buddies.

Visibly Moved

Richard heard with his own ears—and with growing amazement—that his father really was an FBI undercover agent. He was visibly moved, committee sources said, especially when Mr. Cvetic revealed what a heavy price he paid in his personal life, taking on the undercover job.

Mr. Cvetic supplemented in great detail the testimony that he gave under oath at a secret hearing in Pittsburgh on Feb. 7 before County Court Judge Blair F. Gunther. This had highlighted the "violent revolution" plans of the Communist concentration in the Pittsburgh coal, steel and electrical industries.

It also revealed methods used by the Commies to infiltrate and control Slavic groups and their close connection with the Progressive Party which nominated Henry A. Wallace for President in 1948.

550 Reds in District

Mr. Cvetic told the spy-busters that about 550 active Communists are working in the Pittsburgh district. He put the number of fellow-travelers and sympathizers at about twice that number.

For identification purposes, the witness divided the Communists into cells and groups. He named 14 top leaders, whom he said were members of the policy committee of the CP in Western Pennsylvania. He also testified on the numbers, identities and methods of the Communists in Pittsburgh's basic industries.

Mr. Cvetic confirmed reports that the Communist membership in the steel industry has taken a drop. He said the slump has been increasing during the past 18 months but that there still are a large number of Communists among the steelworkers.

In this connection, the witness said he personally organized a cell of 22 members in the Lawrenceville plant of the Crucible Steel Co. in 1945. He said the Communists started with three members and by the time they had 10, they controlled all the strategic positions in the local union.

Mr. Cvetic said John L. Lewis has made it difficult for the Commies to maintain a firm foothold in the soft coal industry. However, he supplied the committee with the name of the Communist agent responsible for the party's activities in coal.

He ticked off a long list of Communists in the Left Wing United Electrical Workers union, which recently was ousted from the CIO for Communist activity. Some of those he named previously had denied their Communist affiliations.

Activity Dictated

All the activity in the basic industries, Mr. Cvetic said, resulted from the concentration policy laid down for Pittsburgh by the Communist Party in its national convention.

He told the committee that Roy Hudson was "eased out" as Western Pennsylvania Communist chairman to make room for one of the party's "really top organizers." He said that Mr. Hudson spoke to a farewell gathering of Communists and said he was "bowing to the wishes of the national leaders."

Nelson took over in August 1948, Mr. Cvetic said.

In another phase of the questioning, Mr. Cvetic said that Toma Babin, an illegal entrant recently deported to Poland, provided the direct contact between the American Communist

ty and the Yugoslav embassy officials in this country.

He said the arrangement made at a meeting in New York attended by himself, Nelson, Babin, George Pirinsky, executive secretary of the American Slav Congress, and two Yugoslav diplomats.

Both Nelson and Babin have refused to testify concerning the 1947 meeting in previous committee hearings.

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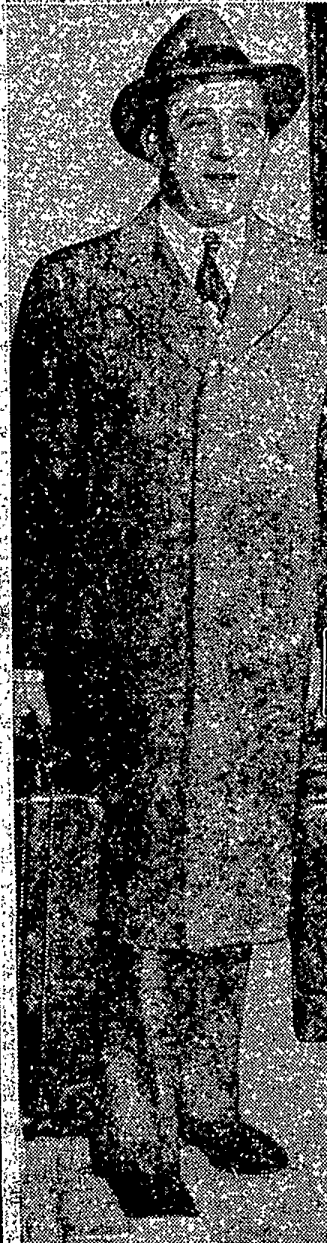
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City 5th Column Snarls, Trembles At Spy Expose



FBI Agent 9 Years To Tell Congress All Tomorrow

By JAMES MOORE

Key pillars of the Communist Party of the U. S. shook today at the disclosure that Matt Cvetic, alias Bob Stanton—one of the party's top leaders—was an FBI undercover agent.

Cvetic appeared yesterday before members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in a closed session which will continue today.

Tomorrow he will be star witness in a public hearing.

So far, he is credited by a member of the committee with "cooperating fully" and furnishing vital leads on nationwide subversive activities by the Communist Party.

COLLABORATORS—

He is also reported to have supplied hitherto unknown names of individuals, many of them prominent in this area, to the committee as Communist collaborators.

Informed persons both in and out of the party said Cvetic's "spy" information probably will mean the end of the American Slav Congress, the Communist Party's "fifth Column" organization.

They also said his expose will probably break up other nationality front groups in the Communist Party in this country.

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REVERTS . . . Matt Cvetic gives up his double life as Bob Stanton after revealing his Communist activities were part of his work for the FBI.

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FOR 9 YEARS

For nine years Cvetic, who is 40 years of age, was a top leader of the Communist Party in Western Pennsylvania and right hand man to Steve Nelson, the party head in Pittsburgh. But all this time he was on the payroll of the FBI.

As he prepared to go before the committee, Communists here lit into him with the wallop of a barrage of H-bombs.

They called him names that couldn't be printed or even repeated in polite society. They branded him a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, an Aaron Burr and a Benedict Arnold.

REDS AGHAST

William Albertson of 3122 Iowa St., secretary and district organizer of the Communist Party here, which has its headquarters in the Bakewell Bldg., said:

"When I read the story in the paper I got the feeling of—you know what kind of a feeling you get when you see a dirty dead rat.

"He gives me the same feeling as Aaron Burr and Benedict Arnold—just a cockroach trying to grow into a rat.

"The story showed the desperation of the employers when they have to hire FBI agents to do their spying instead of using the money to give the workers a 10-cent raise."

Harry Alan Sherman, who is Cvetic's attorney and who was with him at a closed-door session of the House Un-American Activities Committee yesterday said:

"The unmasking of Cvetic and his disclosures is the
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MRS. R. ROSSWOG . . . news a "complete surprise"



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REPORTS ON REDS . . . Matt Cvetic, the Communist leader who turned out to be an FBI undercover agent, is now in Washington where he testified at closed session of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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AND FOR 9 YEARS THEY LAUGHED!

Commie Leaders Shaken, Brand Cvetic a 'Traitor'

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greatest story in America today. He gave the committee two bulging suitcases of records that will bust the Communist Party wide open.

"He pulled the axle out of the American Slav Congress. It's done for and so are other Commie front organizations. You will soon see a lot of Communist front leaders run for cover."

RANKED HIGH

Cvetic was Western Pennsylvania secretary of the American Slav Congress and also a member of the national board. He was also a member of the Nationality Commission of the Communist Party of the U. S.

He organized the Lawrenceville Club of the Communist Party. He was born in that section in 1909.

The FBI started him on the trail of the Communists in 1941 and he was made a full-fledged member of the party 22 months later in 1943.

Since 1945 he has lived at Hotel William Penn under the name of Bob Stanton. The Communists never knew this. At the hotel he wrote his reports and met with other FBI agents.

Bellhops and others around the hotel thought "Bob Stanton" was an insurance man and author of books.

'DR. JEKYLL'

James Dolsen, Pittsburgh correspondent for the Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party, said:

"Naturally I knew Cvetic very well. But he must have been a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. That sounds pretty fishy that he lived at the William Penn. He must have lived in glory over there. None of our people can afford that."

The hotel is just two blocks from the Communist headquarters.

Dolsen predicted that the Daily Worker will "say plenty" about Cvetic. And from Washington, Cvetic told me:

"The Commies will go all-out to crucify me. I hope the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and other good patriotic organizations will now stand by me and help me."

'CAN'T TELL'

Dolsen said:

"Nowadays you can't tell what is happening. Truman has \$100,000,000 he doesn't have to account to anybody for. Cvetic probably got paid well for his spy work."

Actually that is not so. I have known Cvetic since 1946 and he was broke most of the time. It takes a lot of money to lead the double life he led and the Government doesn't give FBI agents big fat salaries.

When I went with Cvetic to the Pennsylvania Station Friday night to catch the train for Washington, he told me:

"I paid off my bills today. I have exactly \$30.28 on me. That's all I have to show for my nine years of undercover work."



MATTHEW CVETIC
... learns truth about dad ...

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ASTOUNDED

Bellhops around the William Penn were so astounded when they learned that Cvetic was an FBI agent that they could hardly talk about it. Regis Shaughnessy, assistant bell captain, said:

"He has us all fooled. I thought he sold insurance. It looks to me like he did a good job but he could have that life. I wouldn't want it and I guess few persons would."

Laura Urbanek, clerk at the cigar stand in the hotel, said:

"Everybody in the hotel looked at the Sunday Sun-Telegraph three times. They gasped and said they could hardly believe Bob Stanton worked for the FBI. He was one smart boy and sure had the Commies fooled."

"I've seen him go by the stand hundreds of times. I always felt sorry for him. He was always by himself and always looked so lonely. Now I know why."

FAMILY SURPRISED

Cvetic's 18-year-old twin sons, his father, six brothers and four sisters were even more surprised than the hotel bell boys.

His brother, Frank Cvetic of 5100 Butler St., said:

"We were all surprised and were all very happy about it. Some of my brothers wanted to work out on Matt when they found out he had become a Communist. I told them it wouldn't help much."

"We are all real Americans but I don't think any of us would want the life he had. I know I wouldn't."

A sister, Mrs. Margaret Ross,

of 3445 Penn. Ave., said:
"It was a complete surprise. We always kidded him about being a Communist and laughed at him. When my mother died last October everybody ridiculed him at the time. I felt sorry for him."

Another sister, Mrs. Amelia Wagner of 541 Walnut St., Blawnox, said:

"We're all elated, happy and thrilled to know Matt isn't a Communist after all. Wouldn't you be?"

SISTER HAPPY

Mrs. Cecila Hoffer of Monaca, another of Cvetic's sisters, said:

"It's really something. We didn't turn against him because after all he was our own flesh and blood. You can imagine now how pleasantly surprised we are."

His son, Matthew J., a Duquesne University freshman, who lives at 934 Saxonburg Blvd., Shaler Township, said:

"It was startling news to all of us. Everybody thought my dad was a real Communist and it caused a lot of dissention in the family. That's all over now."

IN NEW YORK

Nelson couldn't be reached for comment. Party members said he was in New York.

Albertson, the Communist secretary here, said Nelson is in New York to work on a book about his experiences in the war in Spain.

Attorney Sherman said:

"If he said Nelson was called on the carpet over the Cvetic affair he would probably be closer to the facts."

Cvetic left the FBI in January and will probably be in Washington most of this week and next giving the House committee information on the inside workings of the Communist Party.

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Wife Knew Cvetic

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She Kept Secret For Eight Years

**Divorced Mate
Tells of Federal
Men Visiting Home**

By **EDWIN F. BRENNAN**
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

For eight years, Matt Cvetic's former wife knew his secret—that although he was one of the district's top Communists, he was working as an undercover man for the FBI.

Mrs. Barbara B. Cvetic, 37, of Saxonburg Boulevard, Shaler Township, revealed yesterday she learned about his G-Man role in 1942, although she wasn't inclined to believe it.

Cvetic, 41, set off a figurative A-bomb in the midst of the Communist party in Western Penn.

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sylvania when he threw off his Red cloak over the week-end and began spilling out all the information he knew about the Commies here.

Saturday and yesterday he appeared before executive sessions of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Today, he will appear in a public session and the full impact of his revelation will be known by one and all.

Familiar Figure Downtown

Cvetic was executive secretary of the American Slav Congress, a Communist front organization. He was well-known and a familiar figure on Grant Street as he walked between his residence in the William Penn Hotel and the Communist headquarters in the Bakewell Building.

The Cvetics were divorced five years ago after 14 years of none-too-blissful marital life, Mrs. Cvetic said. They have two sons, 18-year-old twins, Matthew, a Duquesne University music student, and Richard, a musician in the Navy.

"He might have been all right as an FBI man, but as a husband he was a total failure," Mrs. Cvetic said, rather bitterly.

She said she first learned of her husband's undercover activities in 1942 when two men came to their neat, tastefully furnished home.

"He'll Have to See Women"

"They told me they were from the FBI—although they didn't look like it—and they showed me credentials," she related.

She said the men told her that her husband would be working for the Government and would receive \$20 a month to start as pay.

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My husband nudged one of them and said: 'Tell her of the dinners I will have in public with women.' Mrs. Cvetic continued: She said one of the men told her not to be alarmed if she heard reports that her husband was out with other women.

Mrs. Cvetic claimed that her husband wasn't as close-mouthed about his dual role as first reported. She said he told six of her brothers and also several of his relatives.

Their son, Matthew, had little to say about his father.

"I never got to know him very well. He usually came in after midnight and I wouldn't see him in the morning when I went to school."

Never Taught Communism

He said his father never tried to indoctrinate him into the tenets of Communism but did leave copies of the Communist Party newspaper, the Daily Worker around the house. The family was told to hide them if anyone came to the house.

Mrs. Cvetic recalled that being the wife of a would-be Communist was a headache.

"He was always going to meetings. Very important meetings, he told us. Especially on Sundays," she asserted.

She related that in December, 1944, she met her husband unexpectedly in front of a downtown department store, and suggested he come home with her.

"He said: 'Get out of here. I'm being followed,' and ran down an alley," Mrs. Cvetic recalled.

She said her husband never brought home any friends and to the best of her recollection made only one mysterious telephone call, that to New York City at 1:30 a. m.

"He told somebody to 'Throw them out of the party because they are fence-jumpers,'" she said.

Mrs. Cvetic, a former concert pianist, was the organist at St. Ambrose's Church, on Spring Hill, Northside, for 19 years. Her son, Matthew, is now continuing in those duties. At the present time, she teaches piano lessons.

She said the court awarded her



Mrs. Cvetic relaxes at piano with her son, Matthew.

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\$75 a month support order for their two children, and her husband has paid the amount promptly.

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Commies Here, It Seems, Have Dislike for Cvetic

Nelson Says He Knew for Six Months
That Matt Was Working for FBI

By PAT O'NEILL

Post-Gazette Staff Writer

*In the Red Schoolhouse,
In the land of Soviet,
The kudos are awarded
For the strongest epithet.*

Local Communist leaders yesterday searched for their most scorching epithets to describe the action of Matt Cvetic, a nine-year party member who turned out to be an FBI informer.

From Steve Nelson, Western Pennsylvania party chief, and lesser members of the local Red hierarchy, came protest and denial of the Cvetic charges mixed with denunciation.

Nelson, however, unlike others in the local branch of the Kremlin, did not plead surprise at Cvetic's action. He claimed he knew Cvetic was an FBI agent for at least six months.

In a blistering statement the local party leader called Cvetic a draft dodger and stool pigeon and said Cvetic's revelations came on the eve of his expulsion from the party.

Naming "Big Business" and County Court Judge Blair E. Gunther as instigators of the Cvetic revelations, Nelson said:

"They chose Saturday to make the announcement because they knew the Communist Party had the goods on Mr. Cvetic and was about to expose him for the Judas that he was."

"Judas," Nelson Says

On this theme Mr. Nelson said he had known for the last six months that Cvetic was acting for the FBI, and that Cvetic had known for the past three months that Nelson was aware of it.

He said during the last six months Cvetic had not been entrusted with anything "vital" in the party. He added he had not seen Cvetic since last November when they met in the Party headquarters in the Bakewell Building.

Summing up, Nelson said:

"The name Matt Cvetic is now synonymous with stool pigeon, the most loathsome word known to American labor and all who believe in Democracy."

Nelson was comparatively temperate in his treatment of Cvetic compared with the heat given off by his lieutenants.

Invectives Flow

William Albertson, the secretary of the local CP, exhumed the reputations of Aaron Burr and Benedict Arnold and hinted they were dilly-white when compared with Cvetic.

He accused Cvetic of being a cockroach seeking promotion to the status of rat. At the same time he admitted Cvetic held a membership card in the party during his cockroach period.

Possibly the most surprised, and therefore the most outraged, member of the local party was James H. Dolsen, the Pittsburgh correspondent of the party organ, The Daily Worker.

Mr. Dolsen, who might have some difficulty in explaining his naivete in connection with Cvetic, called him a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, the upright Jekyll obviously was the comrade and the sordid Hyde the FBI spy.

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Sixth Column in Pittsburgh

The case of Matt Cvetic, the high-echelon "Communist" in these parts who reveals that for nine years he was actually a paid undercover agent of the FBI, provides a good antidote to the more extreme forms of Red hysteria. For here again we learn that though there is a dangerous fifth column in this country, there is also a sixth column—an alert and efficient counter-subversive group operating for the FBI.

Such evidence came aplenty last year in the New York trial of the nation's 11 top Communists. Then, the activities of the chief Red plotters were exposed by key witnesses who, though long respected and trusted within the party, were really agents of the FBI.

Matt Cvetic seems to have carried out a similar assignment. Since 1941 he has been privy to party councils in the Western Pennsylvania sector. According to his testimony, he was chosen by the FBI in 1941 to learn what he could of Red operations in the district. The Communists gave him the job of infiltrating nationality organizations, and he became a high officer in a score of fronts, including the notorious American Slav Congress. His services ended when, because of a national change in Communist administrative policy, he was no longer in a position of value to the FBI.

Mr. Cvetic's public appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee today should be especially newsworthy. He no doubt knows the "names and numbers" of most of the players on the Kremlin team here. Further, he should be able to reveal how the party operates in this industrial center, and, possibly, what plans it might have contrived for industrial sabotage in war, hot or cold.

But not the least important effect of

Mr. Cvetic's disclosures is that they help further to disrupt and confuse Communist organization in Pittsburgh and elsewhere. A subversive network must have brass bound inner unity. The impression often is that the Communists, with their totalitarian discipline, have been able to achieve that. However, the case of Matt Cvetic reminds us that infiltration works both ways, and that the FBI realizes and is proving this to the consternation of the Red movement in America.

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Dorothy Smart of radio station WCAE, Pittsburgh, phoned Mr. McGuire concerning stories appearing in the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph regarding Mat Cvetic who has announced that he has been an FBI undercover man in the Communist Party for the past eight years and was in New York City awaiting to testify in the trial of the 12 Party leaders but was not called upon to testify.

Miss Smart wanted advice as to whether Cvetic was an FBI Agent or if he was ever connected with the FBI.

She was advised there was no comment whatsoever.

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Supervisor [] of the WFO furnished the following summary of information regarding the testimony of Cvetic before the HCUA this afternoon.

Cvetic told about a meeting at the Lincoln Hotel, New York, on June 21, 1947, which was attended by various CP members, included among whom were Steve Nelson and a []. This meeting concerned the National Commission of the CP (Slavic). Cvetic went into the various aspects of the influence which the National Commission of the CP had over the local American Slav Congress. Cvetic then described various other meetings of the National Commission of the CP which were held in various places since 1944. He also designated the specific places in Pittsburgh where meetings were held, designating the Ukrainian Hall; 440 Wood Street in a music store on the third floor owned by one Diepze (phonetic); 943 Liberty Street, on the second floor in an engraving and printing office also owned by Diepze (phonetic), a CP member.

He then described the last meeting of the National Commission held in October or November, 1949, which was presided over by Steve Nelson. Cvetic described the West Pennsylvania National Commission of the CP, stating that it was automatically headed by the District CP Organizer. Then he named the past and present organizers. He then broke down the local Commission into its various sections such as Croatian, Serbian, Slovak, Jewish, Polish, etc., and named members of these various sections whom he had known and knows to be members of the CP.

There was considerable discussion had concerning Thomas Fitzgerald, head of the United Electrical Union, Pittsburgh, and Boselaw Gebert, who left the United States fleeing to Poland on the Batory, August 16, 1947.

Cvetic listed the organizations which he had known to have been dominated by the CP, included among which were the International Workers Order; Civil Rights Congress; Progressive Party, Pittsburgh; Croatian Council; Language and Presses Commission of Pittsburgh, and then proceeded to name CP members whom he knew to be officials in these Communist-dominated organizations.

[] stated that a detailed summary would be submitted to the Bureau on this matter.

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